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Resolution recognizing Dr. Leonard Jeffries, who delivered the keynote address at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 85th Birthday Celebration on January 20, 2014.

WHEREAS,

DR. LEONARD JEFFRIES

delivered the keynote address at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center on January 20, 2014 during the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 85th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, *Dr. Leonard Jeffries was born to Neola Jeffries in Newark, NJ on January 19, 1937, and is the husband of art historian Rosalind Jeffries; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Leonard Jeffries' leadership in both human rights activism and community activism has sparked debate in many academic and social circles, his depth as a historian has brought him recognition for numerous awards for his local, national, and global contributions as an activist, historian, and political analyst, for his founding of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations (ASCAC) and for his presidency of the African Heritage Association (AHSa); and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Leonard Jeffries graduated with a B.A. from Lafayette College with honors in 1959, and earned a master's degree from Columbia University in 1965, which signaled the beginning of his journey to working with Operation Crossroads Africa as a group leader for community development projects as well as a program coordinator for West Africa, and finally with his career as a professor of black studies in both New York and California; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Leonard Jeffries serves with the highest integrity, and possesses exemplary leadership skills with which he utilizes as the founding director of the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Dr. Leonard Jeffries for delivering the keynote address at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 85th Birthday Celebration on January 20, 2014.*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Leonard Jeffries, an outstanding leader.*

Introduced by Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 22, 2014.