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Resolution congratulating the Association of Liberians in Milwaukee on the 167th independence anniversary of the Republic of Liberia.

WHEREAS,

ASSOCIATION OF LIBERIANS IN MILWAUKEE

marked the 167th independence anniversary of the Republic of Liberia with the Liberian Association of Wisconsin during a special celebration on August 2, 2014 at Hoyt Park in Wauwatosa; and

WHEREAS, *Celebrations included a family picnic and outdoor games, and an indoor program at the Wisconsin African American Women's Center, 3020 W. Vliet St., which featured orator Dr. Othello T. Brandy and other activities including Liberian artists, African music and Liberian cultural dance; and*

WHEREAS, *The Association of Liberians in Milwaukee was established to unite Liberians, promote Liberian culture and traditions and encourage the social and economic welfare of all its members, and is currently working to provide at least 200 back-to-school kits for underprivileged students; and*

WHEREAS, *In the 1700s and 1800s many ethnic groups, freeborn Blacks and former slaves from America settled Liberia making it one of Africa's most diverse nations, and the country, whose name means "land of freedom," declared its independence in 1847; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Association of Liberians in Milwaukee on the 167th independence anniversary of the Republic of Liberia, and extends its sincere wishes for continued prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Association of Liberians in Milwaukee.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy and Joe Davis, Sr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 3, 2014.