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Resolution recognizing Erma Belin on the 30th anniversary of her child care business.

WHEREAS,

ERMA BELIN

celebrated a key milestone, her 30th year as a successful child care business operator, on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, *Erma Belin was born and reared in Dermott, Arkansas, and had a vision as a young child that she would own a school where young children would be prepared for kindergarten in basic, but essential subjects; and*

WHEREAS, *Erma's vision was realized in January 1985 when she founded Erma's Care in her home, and one year later she was licensed to provide group care and Lit'l Scholars Day Care was opened inside St. Albert's Catholic School rectory; and*

WHEREAS, *Lit'l Scholars Day Care quickly grew, and the facility developed a Christmas program and offered educational excursions away from the facility, and in 1994 – to meet the demand for infant care – Erma Belin became licensed for infants and toddlers; and*

WHEREAS, *Over the years, Lit'l Scholars has added additional classrooms, a chapel for meetings and activities, and kitchens for preparing nutritious meals, and today the business founded by Erma occupies the entire Thurston Woods School rectory, providing care for 108 children with a staff of 13 and two buses; and*

WHEREAS, *Erma Belin holds a degree in business administration, as well as several certificates in Early Childhood Education, she has been married to Tyrone Belin, Sr. for 44 years, she is the proud mother of seven children and grandmother of one grandchild, and she is a devoted and active member of Tabernacle Community Baptist Church; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and congratulates Erma Belin on the 30th anniversary of the founding of her successful child care business, and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued prosperity and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Erma Belin.*

Introduced by Common Council member Ashanti Hamilton and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2015.