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Resolution congratulating Bernard “Jerry” Allen on his retirement from the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

BERNARD “JERRY” ALLEN

retired with pride and satisfaction as Executive Director of the City of Milwaukee Employes’ Retirement System on December 31, 2025 after more than 17 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, *Bernard “Jerry” Allen began his tenure as the Executive Director of the Employes’ Retirement System and as the Secretary of the Annuity and Pension Board on February 18, 2008 and throughout his career managed relationships with auditors, attorneys, actuaries, the Common Council, City Administrators, and Plan Sponsors; and*

WHEREAS, *Bernard “Jerry” Allen provided deep expertise in all aspects of ERS operations including issuance of annual financial reports with unqualified audit opinions, navigating the Fund and staff through the global financial crisis, and the COVID 19 crisis and implementing several legal mandates, including the establishment of a new tier of pension benefits (and 2023 Wisconsin Act 12) while also serving on the Deferred Compensation Board including as its Chair and on the City’s Public Debt Commission, and as Chief Inspector for several elections; and*

WHEREAS, *Bernard “Jerry” Allen richly and justly earned the enduring praise respect and gratitude of colleagues, elected officials, City leadership, and the community at large for his unparalleled expertise, dedication, and more than 51 years of service in the benefits domain, including 17 years with the City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Bernard “Jerry” Allen his retirement from the City of Milwaukee, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented Bernard “Jerry” Allen an outstanding employee.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Larresa Taylor, Mark Chambers, Jr., Alex Brower, Scott Spiker, Peter Burgelis, José G. Pérez, DiAndre Jackson, Lamont Westmoreland, Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen Moore and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on December 16, 2025.