

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution recognizing and thanking Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., who is leaving the Common Council after 18 years of distinguished public service as 15th District Alderman and Common Council President.

WHEREAS,

COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILLIE L. HINES, JR.

dutifully served the citizens of Milwaukee as 15th District Alderman, becoming only the 46th person in City of Milwaukee history known to have held the title of Common Council President; and

WHEREAS, *A prominent voice for inclusiveness, diversity and compromise in city government and the community-at-large, Willie L. Hines, Jr. was elected 15th District Alderman in 1996, and was elected by his peers as Common Council President, the top leadership position in the Council, in 2004, serving the City of Milwaukee with distinction, dedication and devotion until February 2014; and*

WHEREAS, *A longtime advocate for housing access and equality and a product himself of Milwaukee's public housing system, Willie L. Hines, Jr. made great strides in providing quality affordable housing for City of Milwaukee residents during his tenure on the Common Council, including his oversight of the development of Westlawn Gardens, an innovative, award-winning mixed-income "neighborhood for all" that already provides hundreds of units of affordable housing to city residents; and*

WHEREAS, *Always aware of his status as a role model and an inspiration for young people, Willie L. Hines, Jr. was an important agent in developing partnerships with organizations like the YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, the Milwaukee Public Schools and many others in the hopes of providing better facilities and new opportunities for the children of Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *In his career, Willie L. Hines, Jr. sponsored legislation to secure \$20 million from the U.S. Department of Energy in order to establish the City of Milwaukee's Me² Energy Efficiency Program, creating jobs for Milwaukee citizens to implement energy efficiency projects while reducing energy expenditures for both residents and businesses; and*

WHEREAS, *Now serving his city in a new role with the Milwaukee Housing Authority after 10 years in the president's seat and 18 years as 15th District Alderman, Willie L. Hines, Jr. is a credit to all citizens of the City of Milwaukee, who have benefited from his leadership, his commitment to equality, his pursuit of safe and healthy neighborhoods, his understanding of business development and his knack for jobs creation; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and thanks Common Council President Willis L. Hines, Jr. for 18 years of distinguished public service as 15th District Alderman, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his dedicated public service, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and prosperous future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., an exemplary public servant.*

Introduced and approved on March 4, 2014 by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Joe Davis, Sr., Nik Kovac, Robert Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Joe Dudzik, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski and Tony Zielinski.