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*Resolution congratulating Bruce Colburn on his retirement.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **BRUCE COLBURN**

*retired with pride and satisfaction in January 2023 after a fulfilling career of organizing, fighting for the rights of others, and putting organized labor and union workers first; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Since 2013, Bruce Colburn has worked as co-founder and executive director of Souls to the Polls MKE, a non-profit organization working to build stronger, safer, and more supportive communities, and especially in uniting Milwaukee faith leaders and their congregations to strengthen the voting power of the Black community; and*

**WHEREAS,** *From 2004 to 2017, Bruce worked as an Executive Vice President for Health Care Reform for SEIU (Service Employees International Union) on health care reform with the Obama administration, and also in efforts to provide strategic direction and in driving process improvements with vendors to improve member and employer satisfaction, and also leading initiatives for the Health Benefits Trust to assure high performance of health plan operations to maximize member benefits and plan value; and*

**WHEREAS,** *As deputy director of field services for AFL-CIO (1996-2004), Bruce was responsible for the management of assigned field campaigns, year-round field activities and field staff, determining campaign field strategy and goals for specific campaigns during the Clinton years, and also assisted the development of union members and voter contact plans for electoral, legislative and organizing support campaigns; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Bruce Colburn served as president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998 from 1990 to 1994 (and later as a consultant for the union's international organization), organizing the community fight for Milwaukee County Transit workers contract negotiations, and working for a payment increase and fair contracts for para professionals; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Bruce Colburn on his well-earned retirement, and 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 to Bruce Colburn.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Jonathan Brostoff, Mark Chambers, Jr., Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Scott**

*Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, and JoCasta Zamarripa and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 17, 2023.*