

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating Gilbert “Gil” Hernandez Black on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its 10th annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on July 18, 2015.

WHEREAS,

GILBERT ‘GIL’ HERNANDEZ BLACK

was honored during the tenth annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on July 18, 2015, at Miller Park during the Brewers – Pirates MLB game, on a day devoted to honoring the great players of the Negro Leagues; and

WHEREAS, *Gilbert ‘Gil’ Hernandez Black was born on December 25, 1934 in Manhattan, New York and grew up just two blocks from the Polo Grounds, where he learned everything he knew about baseball by watching the New York Giants practice; and*

WHEREAS, *Gilbert ‘Gil’ Hernandez Black moved to Stamford, Connecticut in 1950 to play baseball, often pitching, at Stamford High from 1952-1954, and in 1956 he played for the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League; and*

WHEREAS, *Off the field, Gilbert ‘Gil’ Hernandez Black also served admirably in the United States Army from 1961-1985; and*

WHEREAS, *The Brewers have recognized 15 other Negro League players to date at the annual event, which includes an auction of Milwaukee Bears uniforms worn by Brewers players and coaches, and the proceeds from the auction go to the Brewers Community Foundation to benefit the Yesterday’s Negro League Baseball Players Foundation and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City; and*

WHEREAS, *For his invaluable contributions to baseball, Gilbert ‘Gil’ Hernandez Black had his name placed on a permanent display at Miller Park, and he will be inducted into the Yesterday’s Negro League Hall of Fame, located at the Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Gilbert ‘Gil’ Hernandez Black on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its tenth annual Negro Leagues Tribute event, thanks him on behalf of the community for his many contributions to baseball and wishes him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gilbert ‘Gil’ Hernandez Black.*

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 21, 2015: Russell W. Stamper, II, Joe Davis, Sr., Ashanti Hamilton, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Michael J. Murphy, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski and Tony Zielinski.