

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution congratulating Roosevelt Jackson on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its 11th annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on June 25, 2016.

WHEREAS,

ROOSEVELT JACKSON

was honored during the 11th annual Negro Leagues Tribute event on June 25, 2016 at Miller Park during the Brewers – Nationals game, on a day devoted to honoring the great players of the Negro Leagues; and

WHEREAS, *Roosevelt Jackson was born on December 20, 1917 in Gay, Georgia and went on to achieve success and recognition as a member of the Negro Leagues; and*

WHEREAS, *Roosevelt Jackson is the oldest surviving member of the fraternity of Negro League baseball players, and he will be 100 years old next year; and*

WHEREAS, *Roosevelt Jackson played center field and pitcher for several all-black teams including the Miami Globetrotters, the Hollywood Redbirds, the Belle Glade Redwings and the Lucky Stars, and served as the manager for such teams as the Fort Lauderdale Braves and the Pompano Beach Yankees, later serving as a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies; and*

WHEREAS, *The Brewers have recognized 21 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, Roosevelt Jackson 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 on Sunday, June 26; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Roosevelt Jackson on the honor bestowed to him by the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club on the occasion of its 11th 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 Roosevelt Jackson.*

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 6, 2016:
Russell W. Stamper, II, Ashanti Hamilton, Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Cogg, Robert G. Donovan, Michael J. Murphy, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Mark A. Borkowski, Tony Zielinski, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Chantia Lewis.