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Resolution recognizing Faya Ora Rose Touré, a civil rights activist and litigation attorney who participated as a guest speaker at Milwaukee's King Fest on January 16, 2017.

WHEREAS,

FAYA ORA ROSE TOURÉ

participated as a guest speaker at Milwaukee's King Fest on January 16, 2017, channeling her experience as a civil rights activist and litigation attorney into her impassioned remarks; and

WHEREAS, *The first African American woman to serve as a judge in the state of Alabama, Faya Ora Rose Touré is founder of the national Voting Rights Museum in Selma and a founding partner of the law firm Chestnut, Sanders, Sanders, Pettaway & Campbell, LLC; and*

WHEREAS, *Throughout her legal career, Faya Ora Rose Touré has worked on pivotal civil rights cases, including as a team member in Pigford v. Veneman, the largest civil rights case in history (which led to the payment of a billion dollars in damages to black farmers by the U.S. Department of Agriculture), and other efforts have included cases to obtain reparations from corporations that profited from slavery, on behalf of African American students and in the name of African American women who suffered sexual abuse during slavery; and*

WHEREAS, *Using her many talents to further her message, Faya Ora Rose Touré is a prolific songwriter and playwright, as well as the host of the weekly radio show Faya's Fire, and she has helped found learning and cultural centers, political and legal organizations and community initiatives that have benefited Alabamians for three decades; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Faya Ora Rose Touré for her lifetime of achievement, thanks her for participating as a guest speaker at Milwaukee's King Fest and wishes for her continued success, health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Faya Ora Rose Touré.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson, Khalif J. Rainey and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2017.