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Resolution congratulating Rakim Allah on his music career which spanned several decades.

WHEREAS,

RAKIM ALLAH

celebrated the 30th anniversary of his album "Paid in Full" and performed at Turner Hall Ballroom on September 15; and

WHEREAS, Rakim's career and performances have had a significant impact and influence on the hip-hop and the art form; and

WHEREAS, Rakim first came onto the music scene with the release of the iconic 'Eric B. is President' with longtime collaborator Eric B., and the single changed the way rap was delivered; and

WHEREAS, Rakim's lyrics draw from his worldly experience, faith, and contemplation drawing in crowds; and

WHEREAS, Rakim has been recognized as the Lyricist of All Time by The Source magazine, and received the coveted BET Lifetime Achievement Award, and was nominated by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Rakim Allah for a noteworthy career and stellar performances; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Rakim Allah.

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Cavalier Johnson, Chantia Lewis, Ashanti Hamilton, Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, Russell W. Stamper, II and Michael J. Murphy and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 26, 2017.