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Resolution recognizing Marques Johnson on the retirement of his jersey by the Milwaukee Bucks.

WHEREAS,

MARQUES JOHNSON

was recognized for his career as an All-Star member of the Milwaukee Bucks in a special ceremony at the Fiserv Forum on March 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, *Marques Johnson was born in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and later moved to South Los Angeles where he began his career in basketball, winning the Los Angeles City Section 4-A Division Player of the Year, and later attended and played basketball at UCLA where he became an All-American player and led the team to win the NCAA Men's Division I basketball championship; and*

WHEREAS, *Marques Johnson was selected third overall in the 1977 NBA draft by the Milwaukee Bucks under coach Don Nelson, a team he would spend the majority of his career with, rising to be the NBA's third leading scorer in just his second season; and*

WHEREAS, *Marques Johnson played a vital role in leading the Milwaukee Bucks to five straight playoff appearances from 1980-84, two Eastern Conference Finals berths in 1983 and 1984 and four consecutive 50-win seasons from 1980-84, averaging 21.0 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 3.7 assists per game throughout his time with the Bucks; and*

WHEREAS, *Marques Johnson's accomplishments extend past his basketball career as an Emmy-Award-Winning analyst for Bucks broadcasts on FOX Sports Wisconsin, a nominee for the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, a member of the College Basketball Hall of Fame and a 2019 inductee into the Wisconsin Sports Hall of Fame; and*

WHEREAS, *Marques Johnson's basketball number and jersey, number 8, was the first to be retired by the Fiserv Forum, and was hung alongside fellow Bucks legends on March 24, 2019; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Marques Johnson on the retirement of his Bucks #8 jersey, recognizes him for the numerous achievements throughout his career with the Milwaukee Bucks, extends its appreciation on behalf of the City of Milwaukee and offers its best wishes for continued success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Marques Johnson.*

Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 7, 2019.