

BY ALDS. MURPHY, HAMILTON, COGGS, STAMPER WITKOWSKI, PEREZ, LEWIS,
RAINEY, JOHNSON, DODD

Commendation welcoming Ernie Johnson Jr. to Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

ERNIE JOHNSON JR.

returned to Milwaukee while working the TNT broadcast booth during the 2019 NBA Playoffs/Eastern Conference Finals between the Milwaukee Bucks and the Toronto Raptors in May 2019; and

WHEREAS, *Ernie Johnson Jr. was born in Milwaukee and lived in the city until he was nine years old, residing at 2745 N. 68th St.; and*

WHEREAS, *Ernie's father – Ernie Johnson, Sr. – played for the Milwaukee Braves and moved the family to Georgia in 1965, when the Braves left Milwaukee for Atlanta; and*

WHEREAS, *Ernie's father became a Braves public relations principal and later became the radio broadcast voice of the Braves, and Ernie soon followed his father's lead and went into broadcasting; and*

WHEREAS, *Ernie has gone on to receive prestigious professional honors and is one of the most recognizable figures in sports broadcasting, and his hosting of the NBA TNT coverage with Charles Barkley, Shaquille O'Neal and Kenny Smith has regularly drawn millions of viewers for its depth, insight and humor, and thousands of Milwaukee fans enjoyed the show in person outside the Fiserv Forum during the 2019 playoffs; and*

WHEREAS, *But Ernie Johnson remembers his years in Milwaukee fondly, recalling Braves games at County Stadium and rubbing elbows with Major League stars, and he has made a point of visiting his former boyhood home and neighborhood; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Ernie Johnson Jr. and welcomes him to Milwaukee with sincere warmth, and wishes him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this commendation be presented to Ernie Johnson Jr.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 29, 2019.