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Resolution expressing condolences to the family of Muhammad Sabir, who passed from this life on May 4, 2020.

WHEREAS,

MUHAMMAD SABIR

passed from this life on May 4, 2020 at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, *A child was born into life in September 1948, grew to become a man named Clayton Jackson, one of four in the union of Beulah and Gus Jackson, converted to Islam in the 1970s and became Muhammad Sabir in 1974; and*

WHEREAS, *An alumnus of North Division High School, Muhammad Sabir's pursuit of knowledge and educational advancement led him to his ultimate goal of attaining higher education, and he attended UW-Milwaukee, earning his undergraduate degree, Master's degree and Ph.D. – all in education – and he applied his knowledge and became a devoted elementary school teacher, and also held DPL- 51 for PK-12th grade for Milwaukee Public Schools until retirement; and*

WHEREAS, *An educator, civil servant, and spiritual leader, Muhammad Sabir was probably best known as the city's premier martial arts instructor, operating Sabir's Karate and Fitness at 48th and Center, the largest martial arts school serving African Americans, where he served as an inimitable mentor to scores of children during a 40-plus year tenure, taking several generations through a process that would best be described as a rite of passage, teaching his students about personal discipline, civic responsibility and leadership; and*

WHEREAS, *A 2002 Black Excellence Award winner, Muhammad Sabir will also be remembered for his community activism and contributions to advance programs that impacted the Black community, as he was one of the founders of African World Festival, Community Call to Vote, and co-host of the television program 'Islam Live'; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Muhammad Sabir, and mourns the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Muhammad Sabir.*

Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Chantia Lewis, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Nikiya Dodd, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 27, 2020.