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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Hamid Abd-Al-Jabbar.

WHEREAS,

HAMID ABD-AL-JABBAR

passed from this life on February 11, 2021 at the age of 51; and

WHEREAS, Hamid Abd-Al-Jabbar served as an outreach supervisor for the 414Life program through the City of Milwaukee's Office of Violence and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, The selfless work Hamid Abd-Al-Jabbar did as a violence interrupter for the Milwaukee community is the stuff of legend, as he would put himself directly in harm's way to prevent violence and possible death: If there was a shooting, he would meet with the family of the victim to help prevent a retaliatory shooting; Or he would meet with alleged suspects; But he was always met with respect and he helped save hundreds of lives during his dedicated service to the city; and

WHEREAS, A reformed man who openly faced a past that included behavior and actions that had harmed Milwaukee, Hamid Abd-Al-Jabbar dedicated his life to making a positive difference in the city, and OVP Executive Director and friend, Reggie Moore, said: "Hamid was a fearless advocate and was well respected. He was known and loved from the block to board rooms. He literally saved lives. He was able to deescalate and mediate situations and have conversations with people that very few people could build trust with. He was a man of his word and extremely committed to this work"; and

WHEREAS, Hamid's family noted that he responded to the call to protect, defend, nurture, and develop the mind and soul of youth and young adults in the city of Milwaukee, and demonstrated extraordinary resilience, perseverance, and unusual fearlessness throughout his tested struggle, and his love, determination, and courage in protecting his family, community, and the city of Milwaukee was unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Hamid's family also noted that he demonstrated exemplary commitment and diligence to uplifting and supporting the people of Milwaukee, and that he produced exceptionally high-quality work on behalf of the people and demanded that of others; 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 Hamid Abd-Al-Jabbar, and mourns the passing of this fine, upstanding man and dedicated city employee; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Hamid Abd-Al-Jabbar.

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Cavalier Johnson, Khalif J. Rainey, Chantia Lewis, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Nikiya Dodd, Scott Spiker and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 2, 2021.