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# **Honoring Al Jarreau, a Milwaukee music legend**

**Statement of Alderman Khalif J. Rainey  
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On the occasion of June being African-American Music Appreciation Month, I believe it's an essential time to honor a major jazz figure from our own city. The late Al Jarreau was born in Milwaukee on March 12, 1940 and honed his musical talents at Lincoln High School. He went on to tour around the world, sell millions of records and win seven Grammy Awards while attracting a wide, diverse audience.

Despite his worldwide success, Mr. Jarreau's dedication and love for Milwaukee never wavered. He was an advocate for access to music education, especially for Milwaukee youth. In October 2016, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award and endowment in his name for supporting music programs at Milwaukee Public Schools from the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music.

Milwaukee must find a way to show appreciation for one of its biggest and most generous stars.

On Wednesday we celebrated Juneteenth Day on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. (formerly N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.). I can envision a very lively celebration as well when we move forward in renaming a Milwaukee street to honor Al Jarreau!

Such a high honor would be a major step toward ensuring that Mr. Jarreau's music, generosity and impact on Milwaukee and the world will be remembered for generations.

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