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Common Council honors Dr. Joan Prince for decades of service to Milwaukee

Joint statement from members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Cavalier Johnson, Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Mark Borkowski, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Scott Spiker, Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II

During yesterday's meeting of the Common Council, we took a moment to provide special recognition to Dr. Joan Prince as she retired after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the City of Milwaukee. Mayor Tom Barrett also attended the virtual presentation to provide his well-wishes and declare yesterday "Dr. Joan Prince Day" throughout the city.

We couldn't be more appreciative for the impact Dr. Prince has had on the community. She has had a seat at the table to advocate for the city in corporate boardrooms, in office suites of chief executives, and with chancellors in academia. It is dizzying to see how many boards she has served on and initiatives she has been a part of, and we are eternally grateful for her years of commitment and service.

Her accomplishments are endless. Dr. Prince received four degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, including being the first African American recipient of a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology and Master's in Clinical Laboratory Sciences.

In 2012, Dr. Prince was nominated by President Barack Obama to the key administrative post of Alternate Representative to the 67th General Assembly of the United Nations, with the honorary rank of Ambassador. She also served as a member of the 2013 United States Delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), appointed by Secretary John Kerry and Ambassador Susan E. Rice.

This is all in addition to serving in leadership positions locally including on the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Board of Trustees and the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees, among many, many others.

Regardless of what she decides to do next, we know Dr. Prince will continue to be a role model and inspiration while uplifting her community to make it the best possible place for everyone, something we are all thankful for.