



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, PUBLICLY CONGRATULATING AND APPLAUDING ACTOR AND PERFORMER RJ WALKER FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ACTING INDUSTRY

Whereas, the South Bend Common Council notes that RJ Walker, a South Bend native, is an inspiring actor and performer who has appeared in numerous commercials, television shows and film. RJ is a star on the rise having recently been cast in a starring role in TruTV’s new television sitcom “Small Victories”; and

Whereas, RJ was born on November 30, 1989 in South Bend, Indiana. His interest in theater was piqued early-on in the Riley High School production of “Little Women”. He played the role of the quintessential father figure, Father March. During his time at Bethel College, RJ tested his range by playing Chandler Marlowe in the production of “The Butler Did It”. He continued his education in the arts as a student at Indiana University South Bend; and

Whereas, after college RJ decided to move to Los Angeles and pursue his dreams of being in show business. With help from a family member, he landed a job as a transcriber for the hit show “Dancing with the Stars”. At a party for cast and crew, a talent manager noticed his amazing dancing abilities and signed him to her talent agency. RJ has appeared in many commercials alongside celebrities and guest appeared on popular television shows. His most notable accomplishments include his feature debut opposite Steve Guttenberg in the SyFy Original, 2LAVA 2LANTULA and guest appearances on hit shows: ABC’s “Castle”, TNT’s “Major Crimes”, Amazon’s “Hand of God” with Ron Perlman and FX’s “Baskets” opposite Zach Galifinakis; and

Whereas, RJ often returns home to South Bend for the holidays and finds inspiration from family, friends and peers who recognize all his hard work and dedication. RJ’s family has been an immense support system especially his parents, Randall Walker Sr. and Joann Walker, who are extremely proud of everything he has accomplished and happy he is pursuing his dream.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, as follows:

Section I. The South Bend Common Council proudly recognizes **RJ Walker** for his notable accomplishments and wishes him all the best as he continues to pursue and achieve his goals and dreams in the acting industry.

Section II. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

Tim Scott, 1st District Council Member

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Council Attorney

Attest:

Approved this ___ day of December, 2016.

Kareemah Fowler, City Clerk

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana