

AFSCME WISCONSIN COUNCIL 32
2025 CONVENTION RESOLUTION # 6

In Honor of Walter Jackson

1 **WHEREAS,** Walter “Walt” Jackson retired from the City of Madison Police Department as
2 Master Scheduler on June 4, 2024, and

3 **WHEREAS,** Walt started his public service with the City of Madison Parking Utilities on
4 November 9, 1996, and

5 **WHEREAS,** Walt was sworn in as the first and only Treasurer of Council 32, shortly after the
6 consolidation of Councils 24, 40 and 48, and has been a table officer and member
7 of the Executive Board and other committees ever since, and

8 **WHEREAS,** Walt was the driving force to breakaway City employees from Local 60 following
9 Act 10, and was the Vice President of Local 6000, and

10 **WHEREAS,** Walt fought for pay equity, reminding City Council members to follow through
11 with their promise for studies and ensured that Mayor’s budget wasn’t balanced on
12 the back of one group of employees and seeing that the Voluntary Employee
13 Benefit Association was established for retirees, and

14 **WHEREAS,** Walt’s actions have also benefited Dane County, Madison Metropolitan School
15 District, and other AFSCME members by holding other employers accountable and
16 setting the bar high for employee compensation, and

17 **WHEREAS,** Walt spoke his mind, held management accountable, and played a large part in
18 keeping the City of Madison Parking Utilities in their current work unit, and

19 **WHEREAS,** Walt has testified at City Council meetings and showed up in support of workers in
20 other municipalities; and

21 **WHEREAS,** Walt served on the Governor Ever’s Insurance Council to see that municipal plan
22 for employees throughout Wisconsin had affordable comprehensive health
23 insurance, and

24 **WHEREAS,** Walt has fought cancer more than once and won, and

25 **WHEREAS,** even though life has thrown curve balls at Walt related to his health, social turmoil
26 and politics, he has celebrated his belief in a higher power and sobriety for 29+
27 years; and

28 **WHEREAS,** Walt fights for the rights of those who are oppressed due to sexual orientation,
29 religious, economic and other social inequities, and

30 **WHEREAS,** Walt is a friend and mentor to many, and

31 **WHEREAS,** Walt and his husband, Dennis enjoy family, friends, and fur babies at their
32 homestead in the Town of Dunn, and

33 **WHEREAS,** Walt enjoys fine arts including music and theater.

34 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the delegates to this annual convention of AFSCME
35 Council 32, assembled in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, on April 12-13, 2025,
36 congratulate Walt on his retirement and the next step of his journey as he begins
37 his newest pursuit halfway across the world, and

38 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the delegates wish Walt a happy 60th birthday to be
39 celebrated next week on April 15, (Could a Treasurer have a more appropriate
40 birth date?) and

41 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the delegates of this convention thank Walt for his
42 service to all AFSCME and workers in the State of Wisconsin, and

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that AFSCME Council 32 will continue to advocate for policies
44 and practices that dismantle systemic discrimination and create equitable
45 opportunities for all workers; and

46 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Walt in appreciation
47 for his years of service and Dennis' and Frankie's willingness to share him with
48 us.

49 Submitted by,

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