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Resolution congratulating Melanie R. Rutledge on her retirement from the Milwaukee City Attorney's Office

WHEREAS,

MELANIE R. RUTLEDGE

retired on January 31, 2015 after more than 20 years of service with the City of Milwaukee and the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, *Melanie R. Rutledge has represented the City of Milwaukee and its constituent entities in legal matters in federal and state courts on a variety of subjects, and is regarded state-wide as an expert in the Public Records and Open Meetings Law; and*

WHEREAS, *Melanie R. Rutledge is the author of the Wisconsin State Bar's Public Records and Open Meetings Law Handbook, which is an established reference tool used by judges and government lawyers around the state, and she has shown leadership in the bar as President of the Government Lawyers Division and through dozens of legal education presentations throughout the state; and*

WHEREAS, *Melanie R. Rutledge ably and professionally advised the city Election Commission through several controversial and demanding elections and issues, and has become a valuable resource to every department in the City of Milwaukee and to the Milwaukee Public Schools, to the advantage of those entities and their officials and employees; and*

WHEREAS, *Melanie R. Rutledge has immeasurably enriched the City Attorney's Office with her intellectual curiosity, her good humor, and her compassion, she has shared her knowledge and experience with her colleagues for the future benefit of the City Attorney's Office, through formal and informal presentations and mentoring, and will be profoundly missed by the office, and by the many true and enduring friends she has made throughout city government; and*

WHEREAS, *Melanie R. Rutledge has established a reputation for honesty and integrity in all things, and a scholarly and thorough approach to the law, always acting in an honorable, professional and polite, yet firm, manner, no matter the circumstances, and the respect, admiration, and fondness felt for Melanie R. Rutledge by all of her colleagues and clients cannot be overstated; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Melanie R. Rutledge on her retirement from the City Attorney's Office, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for her service, and wishes her a long, healthy and happy retirement; and be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Melanie R. Rutledge, an outstanding employee.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Michael J. Murphy, Tony Zielinski, Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Joe Dudzik, Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Ashanti Hamilton and Jose G. Perez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2015.