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Resolution thanking Dr. William Cepeda for his performance at the Benefit Concert for Puerto Rico and Mexico Disaster Relief.

WHEREAS,

DR. WILLIAM CEPEDA

performed at a benefit concert on October 28, 2017 at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino Woodland Dreams Ballroom, which raised money for the areas devastated by natural disasters in Mexico and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, *Dr. Cepeda is one of Puerto Rico's foremost exponents of Afro-Latin Music, creator of a genre known as "Afro-Rican Jazz," mixing American Jazz with indigenous music of Puerto Rico, and a distinguished composer awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Music at Berkeley College of Music; and*

WHEREAS, *his unique performance at the benefit concert, and all ticket proceeds will benefited the American Red Cross's efforts to help the victims of the earthquake in Mexico City, and hurricane victims in Puerto Rico; and*

WHEREAS, *The concert took place after the United Migrant Opportunity Services Hispanic Awards Banquet, which honors the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and Dr. Cepeda was joined by music legend Eddie Palmieri, and musicians from local Latin music ensembles; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. William Cepeda is an outstanding example of someone who is making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith thanks Dr. William Cepeda on his efforts to bring relief to Mexico and Puerto Rico, commends him for his achievements and accomplishments, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. William Cepeda.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 7, 2017.