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Resolution recognizing 2013 Catholic Schools Week in the City of Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

2013 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

was celebrated in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and across the U.S. January 27 – February 2, 2013, with the theme “Catholic Schools Raise the Standards”; and

WHEREAS, *Catholic schools and parishes have been an integral part of the fabric of Milwaukee since the 1800s, when a shift from commerce to heavy industry occurred in southeastern Wisconsin, bringing a large influx of southern and eastern European Catholics to the area, and making Milwaukee more ethnically diverse with new German, Italian, Polish, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Irish, Slovene, Bohemian, Croatian, and Syrian residents; and*

WHEREAS, *With their language and cultural differences, a demand was created for each group to build their own parish communities in Milwaukee, and the city’s neighborhoods became home to bustling parishes and schools such as St. Stanislaus, Old. St. Mary, St. Josaphat (known today as the grand and beautiful Basilica of St. Josaphat), Our Lady of Pompeii, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, St. Rose of Lima, St. Benedict the Moor, Ss. Peter & Paul, St. Patrick, Sacred Heart, St. Sebastian, St. Catherine, Blessed Sacrament and many others; and*

WHEREAS, *Milwaukee’s outstanding Catholic schools have educated and nurtured countless individuals who became leaders in academia, business, priesthood/clergy, sports, medicine, science, music and the arts, law, politics and public service, and many other professions and callings, and who have contributed positively to make the world a better place ; and*

WHEREAS, *There are 105 elementary schools and 14 high schools in the 10 county region of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and each school offers a unique blend of faith and education, where children are prepared for future success, and are shaped to lead a Christ-centered life; and*

WHEREAS, *Catholic schools are noted for academic excellence and high moral standards, and this year’s Catholic Schools Week theme celebrates the constant attention Catholic educators pay to increasing the learning and growth in faith of all students; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes 2013 Catholic Schools Week in the City of Milwaukee, and thanks the teachers, staff, and administrators for their continued commitment to educational excellence; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert G. Donovan, Michael J. Murphy, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Jim Bohl, Joe Dudzik, Terry L. Witkowski, Nik Kovac, José G. Pérez and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 5, 2013.