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Resolution congratulating Mayra Alaniz on her selection as the 2013 Hispanic Youth of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

MAYRA ALANIZ

was selected as the 2013 Hispanic Youth of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services, and was honored during UMOS' 33rd annual Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 12, 2013 at the Italian Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, *Mayra Alaniz, currently enrolled as a freshman at Georgetown University, is a graduate of South Division High School where she was among the top students in her class, and one of 1,000 students nationwide to be named a Gates Millennium Scholar, which provides her with a 'good through graduation' full scholarship to the college of her choice; and*

WHEREAS, *Mayra is the daughter of immigrants who came to the U.S. 20 years ago hoping to provide a better future for their family, and she is known as kind and inquisitive, and as someone who never underestimated the value of education and strived to prove that one could escape the limits of poverty, and she is an outgoing individual who is always looking for ways to help those around her; and*

WHEREAS, *Mayra has worked to assist Mexican immigrants in understanding the Dream act through workshops on what the act offers and how they can benefit, and Mayra plans to someday become a policy maker and advocate for the Hispanic community, and is studying government this fall at Georgetown with plans to work in social justice or public policy; and*

WHEREAS, *The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and in 2013, UMOS celebrates 48 years of building better futures for the individuals, families and communities it serves, and Mayra Alaniz is an outstanding example of someone making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Mayra Alaniz on being selected as the 2013 Hispanic Youth of the Year, commends her for her achievement and accomplishments, and wishes for her a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mayra Alaniz.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert W. Puente, Jim Bohl, Terry L. Witkowski, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Tony Zielinski and Robert G. Donovan and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2013.