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*Resolution recognizing and congratulating Robert J. Donovan on the occasion of reaching his 95th year.*

**WHEREAS,**

**ROBERT J. DONOVAN**

*celebrates a milestone birthday, his 95th year on earth, on August 19, 2013; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Robert J. Donovan was born in Milwaukee on August 19, 1918 and graduated from Pio Nono High School; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A charter member of what is called “the Greatest Generation,” Robert J. Donovan proudly served his country during World War II in the European Theater as a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, helping to construct the Alaska Highway through 1,500 miles of wilderness to create an overland link between the state of Alaska and the Lower 48 states, as it was deemed necessary in order to defend the west coast of North America from the growing Japanese threat in the Pacific Ocean, and the building of the Alaska Highway took just eight months and 9 days – an incredible feat; and*

**WHEREAS,** *After his return from WWII Robert J. Donovan married his beloved Gloria and together they set about building a strong family, and they were blessed with sons Kenneth, Phillip, and Robert, and their union – still 64 years strong – has seen the addition of 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Robert J. Donovan worked his way up the ladder at Milwaukee Solvay Coke Co., building a strong 43-year career that saw him in the key position of purchasing agent by the time he was ready to retire; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Proud of his Irish heritage, Robert J. Donovan is a devoted member of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin and the Emerald Society of Wisconsin, and he has been a loyal and devout member of Blessed Sacrament parish for well over 50 years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A man who always speaks with a steady voice, and who has a heart of gold, Robert J. Donovan enjoyed golf in his not-too-distant past, has traveled extensively with Gloria, and has been an inspiration to his family for his life of honesty and integrity, and for his dedication and loyalty as a true blue family man; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Robert J. Donovan on reaching his 95th birthday and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Robert J. Donovan in recognition of his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013: Robert G. Donovan, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Joe Dudzik, Jim Bohl, Robert W. Puente, Michael J. Murphy, José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Joe Davis, Sr., Nik Kovac, Willie C. Wade, Tony Zielinski, Ashanti Hamilton and Robert J. Bauman.**