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Resolution recognizing U.S. Rep. Thomas “Tom” Petri for his many years of distinguished elected public service.

**WHEREAS,**

**U.S. REP. THOMAS “TOM” PETRI**

*celebrated his 25th anniversary of elected public service to the citizens of Wisconsin and the City of Milwaukee during November 2007; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Senator Russ Feingold was born on March 2, 1953 in Janesville, Wisconsin, to parents Leon and Sylvia Feingold, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1975, received a degree from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar in 1977, and then went on to Harvard Law School, where he earned his degree in 1979; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 1982, in his first try for elective office, Russ Feingold defeated a longtime incumbent and was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate for the 27th District, he was re-elected in 1986 and 1990, and when he first ran for the U.S. Senate in 1992 he won a tough three-way primary, went on to defeat a two-term incumbent, and was re-elected to the Senate in 1998 and 2004; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In the U.S. Senate, Senator Feingold has carried on the proud Wisconsin Progressive tradition, becoming a national leader on domestic and foreign policy matters, crafting the landmark Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, and providing a key leadership role in the successful efforts to pass the congressional gift ban and lobbying disclosure legislation, as well as on many other key reform initiatives; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Independent and guided by principle, Sen. Russ Feingold has been a leading defender of privacy and personal freedoms, casting the Senate’s lone vote against the USA PATRIOT Act, and he has fought to change the Act to protect the civil liberties of law-abiding Americans, and he strongly opposed the decision to go to war in Iraq, and was the first Senator to call for a timetable to redeploy troops out of Iraq; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Senator Feingold has represented all Milwaukeeans and Wisconsinites by strongly defending the rights of working people, by working to eliminate government waste and to reduce the federal deficit, and he has served with distinction as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Senate Intelligence Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, and as chair of the African Affairs Subcommittee; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold on his 25th anniversary of elected public service to the citizens of Wisconsin and the City of Milwaukee, recognizes his dedicated and distinguished service and his many positive contributions, and extends its sincere wishes for continued health and success; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Joe Davis, Sr., Jim Bohl, Joe Dudzik, Nik Kovac, Mílele A. Coggs and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 3, 2014.**