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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Michael Skwierawski

WHEREAS,

MICHAEL SKWIERAWSKI

passed from this life peacefully in his sleep on March 8, 2024 at the age of 81 and a Celebration of Life will be held on April 18th at the Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 S. 68th St., Franklin; and

WHEREAS, *Michael Skwierawski was born on Oct. 19, 1942, the second of three children in a proudly Polish West Allis family, and he was the pure product of a Catholic education, graduating from St. Aloysius Grade School, Marquette University High School, Marquette University, and then Georgetown University Law School, where he earned his law degree in 1967; and*

WHEREAS, *after time split between private practice and service as an assistant district attorney, he became a Milwaukee County Circuit Court judge in 1978, serving in that capacity for 25 years, the last five as chief judge, and presided over 515 jury trials during his time on the bench, and served as a mediator in over 435 commercial disputes after his retirement in 2003; and*

WHEREAS, *Judge Skwierawski used his fiery passion for the advancement of community welfare by playing a decisive role in the formation of several organizations, such as the Polish Center of Wisconsin, the Conservancy for Healing and Heritage, and the Milwaukee Justice Center, a collaborative project whose free legal clinics provide assistance to nearly 10,000 Milwaukeeans each year; and*

WHEREAS, *he was notable off the judicial bench because of his enthusiasm for athletics, including frequent basketball and golf games, and his skill as a musician, showcased by his band of fellow judges named Presumed Guilty, and most importantly his love for his family which includes his wife Gloria of 60 years, four children and eleven grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its condolences to the family and friends of the Honorable Judge Michael Skwierawski, who will be remembered for his career accomplishments and passion for his community; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Michael Skwierawski*

Introduced by Common Council members, Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Larresa Taylor, Russell W. Stamper, II, Andrea M. Pratt, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 9, 2024.

