

BY ALDS. KOVAC, MURPHY, BOHL, PEREZ, COGGS

Resolution commending Otto Wenz for his positive contributions to cycling in Milwaukee and across the region.

WHEREAS,

OTTO WENZ

was recognized for his many positive and significant contributions to cycling during a special ceremony held in conjunction with the Downer Avenue stop on the Tour of America's Dairyland on June 29, 2013; and

***WHEREAS,** After many years as a race competitor in the 1950s and 1960s, Otto Wenz devoted himself to promoting the sport of cycling and became a national figure for organizing an event called "Super Week," a remarkable week-long series of road and criterium races popular in the 1970s when riders typically had a limited menu of one-day weekend criteriums; and*

***WHEREAS,** Otto, the longtime owner/operator of the former Sentry Foods grocery store on N. Downer Ave., played an instrumental role in planning the 1978 world Junior Cycling Championships (marking the first time in 66 years the world championships last came to the United States), and from 1975 to 1979 Otto served as president of the U.S. Cycling Federation and as chairman of the 1986 world cycling championships in Colorado Springs; and*

***WHEREAS,** Otto Wenz has positively influenced hundreds of competitive cyclists including Bill Ochowicz and Tom Schuler, co-founders for the Tour of America's Dairyland, and without his passion and vision for the sport, the Tour of America's Dairyland would not exist; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Otto Wenz's many positive and lasting contributions to the sport of cycling in Milwaukee and the region, and offers its sincere thanks on behalf of the citizens of Milwaukee; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Michael J. Murphy, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez, and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 2, 2013.