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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Jerry Kleczka, who passed from this life on October 8, 2017.

WHEREAS,

GERALD D. “JERRY” KLECZKA

passed from this life at the age of 73 on October 8, 2017, and visitation services were held on October 13 and 14, 2017, and funeral services took place on October 14, 2017 at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 4001 S. Whitnall Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Jerry Kleczka was born on November 26, 1943 in Milwaukee, and attended Don Bosco High School, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and was awarded an honorary doctorate of law degree from Marquette University, and he served in the Wisconsin Air National Guard from 1963 to 1969; and*

WHEREAS, *At age 24, Jerry Kleczka was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly and served three terms, and in 1974 he was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate where he served as the Assistant Majority Leader and Co-Chair of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance, and in 1984 he was elected to the U.S. Congress where he served the constituents of the 4th Congressional District for 20 years; and*

WHEREAS, *While in Congress Jerry Kleczka advocated for working people, veterans, and the elderly though his support of major health care and spending reforms, and after 11 terms in Congress he never lost an election, and in 2005 the Kleczka Internship Program at Marquette University was established, which allowed students to explore different careers in government; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2005 Jerry Kleczka retired from office, and enjoyed wood-working, cooking, gardening, remodeling projects, caring for his dogs, and spending time at his family lake house surrounded by family; and, be it*

WHEREAS, *Jerry Kleczka leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Bonnie Kleczka, and a host of loving relatives, and friends; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith honors the memory of Gerald D. “Jerry” Kleczka, thanks him for his many contributions to the community, and expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family during their time of healing; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Gerald D. “Jerry” Kleczka.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 17, 2017.