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Resolution congratulating Marla Gonis on receiving the Latino Community Leadership Award from El Conquistador Latino Newspaper.

WHEREAS,

MARLA GONIS

received the Latino Community Leadership Award at the El Conquistador Newspaper's 25th Anniversary Awards Dinner on Friday, July 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, El Conquistador Latino Newspaper celebrated 25 years of publishing their Latino community newspaper with a special celebration and awards program on Friday, July 21, 2023 at the Italian Community Center that included a variety of awards bestowed to influential leaders; and

WHEREAS, Marla Gonis, from Laredo, Texas and the daughter of a single mother of six who was also a migrant farmworker and community activist, received the Latino Community Leadership Award for her many years of work as a community activist and educator; and

WHEREAS, Marla, a graduate of Alverno College and UW-Milwaukee, is a former English-Community Ed instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College (where she taught pre-college level English and was known for her dedication to her students), and she notably also sharpened her activist skills at UMOS under then Director Salvador Sanchez; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its sincere congratulations to Marla Gonis on being recognized as a community champion during the El Conquistador Newspaper's 25th Anniversary Awards Dinner; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution will be presented to Marla Gonis.

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Marina Dimitrijevic, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Scott Spiker, Russell W. Stamper, II, Lamont Westmoreland and Andrea M. Pratt and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 31, 2023.