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Resolution congratulating the distinguished service of Tom Kleppin on the occasion of his Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

WHEREAS,

TOM KLEPPIN

flew with other U.S. military veterans to Washington, D.C. during October 2023, on a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight; and

WHEREAS, *Tom Kleppin joined the U.S. Army in 1952 at the age of 17, spent six weeks at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and 12 weeks at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland, and then spent two weeks at Fort Dix, New Jersey before being sent to Germany in 1958; and*

WHEREAS, *During his service, Tom made PFC on September 2, 1958 and SP/4 on May 19, 1959; and*

WHEREAS, *Upon returning home, Tom worked as a machine operator for various companies and stayed active in the community, and he is a lifelong resident of Milwaukee who has always been proud of and enjoyed the city; and*

WHEREAS, *Tom Kleppin said his service in the U.S. Army taught him to be independent and taught many skills that have helped him and his family, as he has been married for 62 years to Jerry Kleppin and their union was blessed with two children; and*

WHEREAS, *The mission of the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight initiative is to fly military veterans (including terminally ill veterans) to see the memorials in Washington, D.C., in person; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the distinguished service of Tom Kleppin, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him continued health and happiness; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Andrea M. Pratt, Milele A. Coggs, Khalif J. Rainey, Lamont Westmoreland, Jonathan Brostoff, Scott Spiker, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Mark A. Borkowski, JoCasta Zamarripa, José Pérez and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 10, 2023.