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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Conrad Kaminski, who passed from this life on September 8, 2019.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **Conrad Kaminski**

*passed from this life on September 8, 2019 at the age of 84, and services were held for family and friends on October 7, 2019 at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, 2333 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Conrad Kaminski was born on November 21, 1934 in the St. Josaphat neighborhood to Harriet and Zygmunt Kaminski, and he is a graduate of Marquette University High School as well as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is a proud military veteran with three years of service in which he spent over a year at Eniwetok Atoll, the Atomic Energy Commission testing grounds in the Marshall Islands; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Conrad Kaminski served as the president for Merchants & Manufacturers Bancorporation, the bank holding company of Lincoln State Bank where he also served as president, and his background in advertising and public relations included work at The West Bend Company, WITI-TV6 and two decades of operating an advertising agency, and he took an active role in many charitable organizations including: St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, The School Sisters of St. Francis, Alverno College, Cardinal Stritch University, Boy Scouts and veterans groups, and he worked tirelessly for the community and the church with a deep appreciation and respect for everyone he encountered; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Conrad Kaminski was a dedicated worker who also had a deep rooted love for opera, where he was a tenor for the Florentine Opera and loved to sing “Edelweiss” from the popular musical “The Sound of Music,” and he founded the widely popular Milwaukee Polish Fest in 1982; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Conrad Kaminski’s most prized values were his unrelenting work-ethic and his Catholic faith, and he was a member of the Basilica of St. Josaphat for more than 20 years, where he was involved of the creation of the Basilica Foundation in 1990, which provided guidance and leadership in the restoration and renovation of the Basilica and the addition of a Visitors’ Center, and he served as foundation president and spokesman and carried the message of the important historical, cultural and spiritual identity of the Basilica throughout metropolitan Milwaukee and helped raise several million dollars for the restoration and preservation needs of the historic and iconic Milwaukee landmark ; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Conrad Kaminski and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this upstanding gentleman; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Conrad Kaminski.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Tony Zielinski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 24, 2019.**