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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Filiberto Murguia, who passed from this life on August 20, 2013.*

**WHEREAS,**

**FILIBERTO MURGUIA**

*passed from this life at the age of 82 on August 20, 2013, and services were held on August 26, 2013 at Mother of Good Counsel Parish, 6924 W. Lisbon Ave.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *One of 13 children (and born in the state of Michoacán, Mexico), Filiberto Murguia came to the U.S. and Milwaukee, where he was quickly drafted into the military in 1953, and he faithfully served in the U.S. Army in Korea, granting him U.S. citizenship; and*

**WHEREAS,** *After working in tanneries, foundries and meatpacking plants to support his family, Filiberto Murguia began his career with the Council for the Spanish Speaking Inc. in 1973 and became an activist and leader for his community, and over time worked diligently and successfully to gain resources to help the Hispanic community, expanding the budget of the Council for the Spanish Speaking Inc. from \$250,000 in 1973 to \$5 million at the time of his retirement in 2003; and*

**WHEREAS,** *As the longtime executive director of the Council for the Spanish Speaking Inc. (also known as Centro Hispano), Filiberto Murguia worked selflessly to ensure the expansion of the programs and services offered by the agency and played a critical role in securing the building which today houses the Council for the Spanish Speaking Inc.; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Filiberto Murguia helped produce the Mexican Independence Day Parade for more than 25 years and through his efforts the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1987, and during his tenure as leader of the Council for the Spanish Speaking Inc., the agency was twice named one of the top 25 organizations in the nation serving Hispanics; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Filiberto Murguia leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Carmen, daughters Carmen Alicia, Christina and Catherine, son Raymond, as well as a host of other loving relatives and friends; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Filiberto Murguia, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

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

**Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert G. Donovan, Joe Dudzik, Jim Bohl, Willie C. Wade, Robert G. Donovan, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Milele A. Coggs and Nik Kovac and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 4, 2013.**