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Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Gregorio Montoto.

WHEREAS,

GREGORIO “GREG” MONTOTO

was honored for his contributions to the Hispanic community during Hispanic Heritage Month at the Milwaukee Common Council meeting on October 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, *Gregorio “Greg” Montoto was born in Sabinas Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon, Mexico and came to Milwaukee when he was 13 with his family and attended Riverside High School, graduating in 1964, and he served in the US Army from 1965 to 1967, and attended UWM through the G.I. Bill, earning a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree, and he worked for the Spanish Speaking Outreach Institute at UWM, now known as the Roberto Hernandez Center; and*

WHEREAS, *Gregorio Montoto worked and aided in the journey of bringing a Mexican consulate to Milwaukee, and was the first president of the renowned Mexican Fiesta, and was known as “a giant in Milwaukee’s Hispanic community”; and*

WHEREAS, *Gregorio Montoto was a long-time entrepreneur, businessman and dedicated volunteer of many organizations benefitting Milwaukee’s Hispanic community, especially the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation and Mexican Fiesta; the WHSF awards scholarships to Hispanic students and the foundation has awarded roughly \$1.7 million in scholarships to Hispanic students, and as a businessman he owned and operated El Camino Real Restaurants with his family; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith honors Gregorio “Greg” Montoto during Hispanic Heritage Month, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his exemplary service, and celebrates his enduring legacy; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Gregorio Montoto.*

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