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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Father John “Jack” Kern, who passed from this life on March 15, 2019.

WHEREAS,

FATHER JOHN “JACK” KERN

passed from this life at the age of 76 on March 15, 2019 and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 22, 2019 at St. Catherine Church, 5101 W. Center St.; and

WHEREAS, *Father John (Jack) Kern, was born and raised in Milwaukee and completed his seminary studies at St. Francis de Sales Minor Seminary and St. Francis de Sales Major Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1968 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Jack was first appointed to serve as associate pastor at St. Eugene Parish in Fox Point and would later go on to become faculty at St. Francis de Sales College and serve at St. Thomas, St. Agnes (now All Saints), Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. Catherine, and; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Jack strongly supported St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission of charity and justice and faithfully served Milwaukee's poor and vulnerable; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Jack was appointed pastor at St. Catherine in 2004 where recognized the importance of community and established a Neighborhood Block Party, which celebrated 10 years of welcoming neighbors into the playground for food, games and fellowship in 2018; and*

WHEREAS, *Father Jack was instrumental in the founding of Common Ground, supported the re-establishment of the Center Street BID, serving on its initial board, and was an active member of the Sherman Park Area Religious Congregations (SPARC); and*

WHEREAS, *Father Jack leaves to cherish his memory his family, the St. Catherine community and a whole host of other loving family members 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 Father John “Jack” Kern 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 the family of Father John “Jack” Kern.*

Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Nik Kovac, Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Nikiya Dodd, Cavalier Johnson and Chantia Lewis and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 26, 2019.