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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Thomas P. Rozga, who passed from this life on March 30, 2018.

WHEREAS,

THOMAS P. ROZGA

passed from this life on March 30, 2018, and services were held for family and friends on April 6, 2018 at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, 601 W. Lincoln Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Thomas P. Rozga was born in Milwaukee in 1922 and spent many years alongside his parents, helping to run their family business, and he married his loving wife, Gloria in 1946, growing their family with six children in the years to come; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas P. Rozga bravely served the United States during his time as a pilot in the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Army between 1942 and 1969, and he was proud to be a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Cuban Missile Crisis; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas P. Rozga, as Commander of the 4th Marine Division VMO-4 Squadron, was the first American aviator to step foot on Iwo Jima on D+2 Day, and is the proud recipient of 12 combat service and air medals, including three Distinguished Flying Crosses, for his service in World War II and the Korean War; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas P. Rozga was the funeral director for more than 60 years as the 3rd generation owner of the Rozga Funeral Home, 703 W. Lincoln Ave., bringing comfort to those who need it most, and was an active member of the Wisconsin and the National Funeral Directors Associations; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas P. Rozga was heavily involved in his community through his membership in impactful organizations like the Distinguished Flying Society, the Polish Legion of American Veterans as a former National Commander, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the South Side Business Club, the American Legion and Past Commanders Club, and more, while also serving as a founding member of the St. Josaphat's Knights of Columbus Council; and*

WHEREAS, *Thomas P. Rozga leaves to cherish his memory his six children, 17 grandchildren, and multiple great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Thomas P. Rozga, recognizes his lasting impact on the community and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Thomas P. Rozga.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert G. Donovan, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 17, 2018.