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*Resolution congratulating John and Kären Finerty on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

**WHEREAS,**

**JOHN AND KÄREN FINERTY**

*were united in holy matrimony at Saint Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church at 528 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street in Milwaukee on June 13, 1964 and celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 13, 2014; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John Finerty, who grew up in Chicago, Illinois and came to Milwaukee to attend Marquette University, and Kären Siewert, who grew up in Menominee, Michigan and attended Carroll College in Waukesha, first met working together at a WMIL radio station in Milwaukee during college where John was an afternoon DJ and host of the “the Johnny Finn Show” and Kären wrote radio ads; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John graduated from Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee in 1964 and, over the intervening years, founded and became the managing partner of a successful law firm that still bears his name, Friebert, Finerty & St. John, S.C., handled thousands of matters for Milwaukee-based, regional and national clients including tax assessments and appeals, licensing and permitting, municipal financing, land use and development, zoning, environmental and construction law, from which he “retired” in 2013; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Kären successfully raised four children, oversaw a busy household that included multiple sports and extracurricular activities, managed a complicated budget that meant payments to private schools for many, many years, despite which she still found the wherewithal to plan family trips to Naples, Cocoa Beach, Eagle River and other locations and to ensure the family had time to spend together; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Kären developed a successful career as a professional artist over the last 25 years, now having attained a prestigious membership in the Wisconsin Watercolor Society, juried in by her peers based on the high quality of her watercolor technique, currently serving on its Board of Directors; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John and Kären Finerty have been active members of the Milwaukee community with John a founding member, past president and supporter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and member of the Board of Directors of the William Proxmire Center and Kären a tireless fundraiser, organizer, and event planner who has always and continues to contribute her time and artistic skills to St. Ann’s Center for Inter-Generational Care and countless other charities; and*

**WHEREAS,** *John and Kären Finerty were long-time members of Christ King Parish near Milwaukee’s western edge, now residing in Elm Grove, and are the fabulous parents of John (Jr.) (Kathryn Lonsdorf), Christine (Steve Brazell), Kathryn (David Tierney), and Daniel (Christine Kucharski) and are loving and compassionate grandparents of eleven grandchildren, Justine Finerty, Jack Finerty, Cameron Finerty, Meaghan Finerty, Zoë Brazell, Hannah Brazell, Caleigh Brazell, Seth Tierney, Daniel Finerty, Catherine Finerty and William Finerty; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates John and Kären Finerty on 50 years of marriage, and extends sincere wishes for continued laughter and happiness; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to John and Kären Finerty in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of marriage.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Willie C. Wade, Robert J. Bauman, Tony Zielinski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Nik Kovac and Joe Davis and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 24, 2014.**