

*BY ALDS. KOVAC, COGGS, BOHL, PEREZ, BORKOWSKI, STAMPER, LEWIS,
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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Else Ankel.

WHEREAS,

ELSE ANKEL

passed from this life on October 28, 2016 at the age of 85, and a memorial service was held on November 5, 2016 at the Urban Ecology Center in Riverside Park, 1500 E. Park Pl.; and

***WHEREAS,** Else Ankel, who was reared in the foothills of the Black Forest in southwest Germany, earned her doctorate at the University of Basel in Switzerland, then traveled to Canada for a fellowship in 1960, where she pursued her specialty of biochemistry and met her husband, Helmut; and*

***WHEREAS,** Else Ankel and her husband, Helmut, lived briefly in Pittsburgh with their two children at the time, and moved to Milwaukee in 1965 to work for the Medical College of Wisconsin; and*

***WHEREAS,** The formation of the Urban Ecology Center (today with three locations in Milwaukee) took root in the early 1990s when Else, a community member and scientist-in-residence at Riverside University High School, organized a small group of neighbors who dubbed themselves “Friends of Riverside Park” (and pulled together money to create a nonprofit nature center at the park for children to learn about the natural environment), and in 1991, the group organized park cleanups and started to use the park to teach neighborhood students about nature and science; and*

***WHEREAS,** Else Ankel utilized the park as an outdoor classroom for school children and worked tirelessly at the center, both as a volunteer and as executive director, for about eight years, until her retirement in 1998; and*

***WHEREAS,** Else Ankel leaves to cherish her memory her by daughter Franziska Ankel, son Felix Ankel and daughter-in-law Lisa Holter-Ankel, grandson Atticus, grandsons by marriage, Jack and Mitchell, son Robert Ankel and daughter-in-law Valerie Brown, as well as son Philip Ankel and daughter-in-law Alberta Ashbrook-Ankel with three grandchildren, Tori, Royce and Adam; now, therefore, be it*

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

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Else Ankel.*

Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez, Mark A. Borkowski, Russell W. Stamper, II, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 22, 2016.