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*Resolution congratulating Dr. Ricardo Fernandez on receiving the All-University Professional Achievement Award for alumni Marquette University.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **DR. RICARDO FERNANDEZ**

*received the All-University Professional Achievement Award for alumni from Marquette University, and his contributions were recognized at a celebration at Marquette University on April 29, 2017; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Ricardo Fernandez served as president of the Lehman College of the City University of New York from 1990 to 2016, and during his tenure, the college added several new degree programs, new buildings and additional online offerings that reflect the school's diversity and values; and*

*WHEREAS, Before his time at CUNY, Dr. Ricardo Fernandez established a desegregation assistance center serving public schools in 10 Midwestern states, obtained federal funding and directed the center for 10 years; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Ricardo Fernandez served as a board member and founding leader of the United Community Center in Milwaukee and has also held leadership positions with the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, the American Council on Education, several business and education-related advisory committees and many other organizations; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Ricardo Fernandez holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's degree in Spanish literature from Marquette University, as well as a master's degree and a Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures from Princeton University; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Ricardo Fernandez is the author and co-author of two books and many other pieces on educational equity, bilingual education, school desegregation and Hispanic students; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Ricardo Fernandez has devoted his career to serving as an advocate for the local and national Hispanic community; now, therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Dr. Ricardo Fernandez on receiving this honor from Marquette University, thanks him for his decades of service in promoting educational equity and extends its appreciation on behalf of the community.*

*Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert Bauman, Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl, Terry L. Witkowski, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 9, 2017.*