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Resolution congratulating Agustin and Rebecca Ramirez and family as the 2016 Hispanic Family of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

AGUSTIN AND REBECCA RAMIREZ

were selected as the 2016 Hispanic Family of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services, and were honored during UMOS's 35th annual Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 29, 2016 at Potawatomi Hotel and Casino; and

***WHEREAS,** Agustin "Gus" Ramirez, Executive Chairman of HUSCO International, has degrees in aerospace from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MBA from Harvard University, and Becky is a graduate of Agnes Scott College and obtained an MS in Education from the National College of Education; and*

***WHEREAS,** Their son, Austin, has an engineering degree from the University of Virginia and an MBA from Stanford University, their daughter Abby is also a graduate of the University of Virginia with an MBA from Stanford, and their daughter Anna graduated from Vanderbilt University; and*

***WHEREAS,** Education has been the centerpiece of the Ramirez's philanthropic efforts, and the Ramirez Family supported the construction of the elementary and middle schools at United Community Center, and the Agustin A. Ramirez, Jr. Family Foundation provides college scholarships each year to more than 100 students in the Greater Milwaukee area; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Ramirez family is also committed to building Christian schools in Central America with a goal of "touching" 1,000,000 children, and the family was also the initial funder of "Schools That Can Milwaukee," an organization dedicated to building excellent schools in Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** Most recently, the Ramirez Family Foundation has committed to investing \$60 million to build a new K-12 school on Milwaukee's South Side, and the St. Augustine Preparatory Academy will provide capacity to educate 1,500 children, with a second expansion, planned in 2022/2023, that will double the capacity to 3,000 students; and*

***WHEREAS,** The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and the Ramirezes are an outstanding example of a family that is making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Agustin and Rebecca Ramirez and family on being selected as the 2016 Hispanic Family of the Year, commends them for their achievements and accomplishments, and wishes for the family a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Agustin and Rebecca Ramirez and family.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Michael J. Murphy, Robert G. Donovan, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 1, 2016.