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Resolution congratulating José Feliciano on his music career which has spanned several decades.

WHEREAS,

JOSÉ FELICIANO

was the keynote speaker during the 6th Annual Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee Five Star Gala at the Psfister Hotel on May 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS, *José Feliciano was born in Lares, Puerto Rico, on September 10, 1945 and his family moved to Spanish Harlem, New York City when he was 5; and*

WHEREAS, *José Feliciano was born blind to humble beginnings and discovered his love for music at a young age, first playing with his uncle at age three and then going on to learn the concertina at age six, and at nine, performed at The Puerto Rican Theater in the Bronx; and*

WHEREAS, *José Feliciano is regarded as the first Latin artist to cross over into the English music market with his discography consisting of many international hits including Light My Fire and Feliz Navidad; and*

WHEREAS, *José Feliciano's success has been recognized throughout his career and he has earned 9 Grammy Awards, a Star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from The Hispanic Heritage Foundation; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates José Feliciano on being the keynote speaker and guest at the 6th Annual HPGM Five Star Gala, extends its appreciation for his impact on the music industry and the arts, and wishes for him continued health, happiness, and success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to José Feliciano.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 29, 2019.