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Resolution congratulating the Marquette University Men's Basketball Team on earning the title of Big East conference Champions, and on winning the 2023 Big East Tournament Championship.

WHEREAS,

THE MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

earned the title of Big East Conference Champions after winning the outright league title for the first time in program history on February 28, 2023, and on winning its first-ever Big East Tournament Championship on March 11, 2023 at Madison Square Garden in New York City; and

WHEREAS, *The Marquette University Men's Basketball Team finished the 2022-2023 season with an impressive conference record of 17-3, leading the conference in spite of projections predicting the team would finish in 9th place among 11 teams; and*

WHEREAS, *The Marquette University Men's Basketball team, led by Head Coach Shaka Smart, won three games in three days during the Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden, trouncing Xavier on March 11, 2023 to earn the coveted tournament crown; and*

WHEREAS, *The Golden Eagles, who received a #2 seed in the 2023 NCAA Tournament (the highest seed in school history), achieved great success despite losing four of its six leading scorers from the previous season and entering the 2022-2023 season with no healthy transfers to fill their place, instead relying on a young roster of fiercely motivated underclassmen; and*

WHEREAS, *The Golden Eagles maintained an outstanding offensive presence with the highest offensive efficiency score in the Big East Conference and the 9th highest in the nation; and*

WHEREAS, *The Marquette University Men's Basketball Team has remained ranked among the best teams in the nation according to Associated Press and other polls, with the team garnering its highest ranking since the 1977-1978 season; and*

WHEREAS, *The Marquette University Men's Basketball Team swept this year's Big East Conference Awards with forward David Joplin being named "Sixth Man of the Year," point guard Tyler Kolek, "Player of the Year," and Head Coach Shaka Smart, "Coach of the Year"; and*

WHEREAS, *The remarkable success of the Marquette University Men's Basketball Team during the 2022-2023 season is a testament to the persistent hard work and dedication, close relationships and unwavering resolve of its players and coaching staff; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates the Marquette University Men's Basketball team on earning the title of Big East Conference Champions and Big East Tournament Champions and wishes for the team and its coaching staff, continued success in all their future endeavors.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Marina Dimitrijevic, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Milele A. Coggs, Jonathan Brostoff, Mark Chambers, Jr., Russell W. Stamper, II, and JoCasta Zamarripa and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 21, 2023.