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Resolution recognizing the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation on its 15th Annual Crystal “Beacon of Hope” Gala Dinner and Auction.

WHEREAS,

ST. JOSAPHAT BASILICA FOUNDATION

held its 15th Annual Crystal “Beacon of Hope” Gala Dinner and Auction on October 10, 2015 at the Blue Mound Golf and Country Club in Wauwatosa; and

WHEREAS, *Historic and beautiful St. Josaphat Basilica, located at 620 W. Lincoln Ave., is a community treasure that has been a beacon of faith for Milwaukeeans and visitors from across the world for 115 years; and*

WHEREAS, *The annual “Beacon of Hope” Gala Dinner and Auction is the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation’s largest fundraising event, supporting the Foundation and the Franciscan Ministries at the Basilica which include the Basilica’s Food Pantry and ESL program; and*

WHEREAS, *Nonprofit St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation strives to preserve, restore and enhance the Basilica, and since its establishment has made significant strides in its effort to care for the Basilica, implementing repairs and refurbishments, and putting the Basilica back into the international spotlight, where it justly belongs; and*

WHEREAS, *The proceeds from the “Beacon of Hope” Gala Dinner and Auction have helped the foundation move forward with recent key repairs and additions to the Basilica, including new indoor and outdoor lighting, air conditioning, and a rebuilt cupola; and*

WHEREAS, *The event also helps support the Basilica’s Food Pantry and its English as a Second Language (ESL) program, as the ESL program helps strengthen the community by providing the skills necessary for individuals to obtain employment opportunities and become stronger citizens and providers, and the pantry helps provide 50 families each month with food, shoes, clothing and hygiene items; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation on its 15th Annual Crystal “Beacon of Hope” Gala Dinner and Auction, commends the Foundation for its valuable work and wishes it continued success; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the St. Josaphat Basilica Foundation.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 2, 2015.