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Resolution congratulating Maria Monreal-Cameron on her retirement from the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS,

MARIA MONREAL-CAMERON

was honored for her distinguished work and congratulated on her retirement during a special banquet hosted by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin on September 19, 2013 at the Potawatomi Bingo & Casino Expo Center; and

WHEREAS, *The daughter of Mexican immigrants who moved to Milwaukee from Texas to find work, Maria Monreal-Cameron has been the trailblazing leader of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin since 1989, and has announced her retirement to pursue other community interests; and*

WHEREAS, *During Maria Monreal-Cameron's tenure as president and CEO at HCCW, the organization's membership has grown exponentially, she helped attract major conventions and events to the City of Milwaukee, she managed and oversaw the construction of a \$2.1 million headquarters at 1021 W. National Ave., she helped hundreds of Hispanic entrepreneurs and startups make necessary financial connections with lending institutions and the U.S. Small Business Administration's loan program, and she helped students through a scholarship program that has awarded more than \$400,000 to Hispanic college-bound students; and*

WHEREAS, *Maria Monreal-Cameron serves and has served on numerous business, civic and nonprofit boards and committees, has made a lasting and significant positive contribution in helping Latinos achieve upward mobility, and has received dozens of awards and honors, including the TEMPO Milwaukee Mentor Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Latina Style Magazine, and the Lamplighter Award from VISIT Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes her lifetime of distinguished work, wishes her well in retirement, and extends its sincere appreciation on behalf of the community for her many valuable contributions; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Maria Monreal-Cameron.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Nik Kovac, Jim Bohl, Joe Dudzik, Terry L. Witkowski, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Tony Zielinski, Michael J. Murphy and Willie C. Wade and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 24, 2013.