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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Leonardo Aponte, who passed from this life on May 23, 2020.

WHEREAS,

DR. LEONARDO APONTE

passed from this life on May 23, 2020 at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, *A prominent medical care provider, Dr. Leonardo Aponte was a general practitioner and was a certified Nuclear Medicine doctor who reached the Latino community on the south side of Milwaukee by serving more than 225,000 patients throughout the course of 45 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Leonardo Aponte arrived in Milwaukee from Connecticut in 1974 after completing his studies in Nuclear Medicine and began his career at the Medical Surgical Clinic from 1974 to 1975 where he recognized the disadvantage Mexican families were experiencing in receiving medical services, which resulted in him opening his own practice to help the Latino community with affordable health and medical care services; and*

WHEREAS, *A vital player in Milwaukee's Latino community, Dr. Leonardo Aponte worked to create an affordable minor surgery clinic facility and to establish a resource clinic to treat drug and alcohol addictions, and also opened the Clínica Latina S.C. after practicing medicine for eight years at his office at 1322 S. 16th St., and provided free medical consultations to Mexican families at the Guadalupe Church School to ensure the community had the opportunity to receive affordable medical care; and*

WHEREAS, *Dr. Leonardo Aponte began his career by treating Mexican and Puerto Rican families, but expanded his practices and treated patients from Asia, Europe, Central and South America and was able to connect to these greater communities as he spoke French, German, Spanish, and English; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Leonardo Aponte, and mourns the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Leonardo Aponte.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Russell W. Stamper, II, Khalif J. Rainey, Chantia Lewis, Milele A. Coggs, Nikiya Dodd, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, JoCasta Zamarripa and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 16, 2020.