

BY ALD. DONOVAN

Resolution recognizing John Marten on his retirement from Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School.

WHEREAS,

JOHN MARTEN

was recognized for 28 years of distinguished teaching and service in the City of Milwaukee on June 20, 2015 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2235 W. Greenfield Ave.; and

WHEREAS, John Marten was born on September 5, 1948 in Sparta, Wisconsin to Orlin and Lillian Marten, and grew up in the rural hill area of Tomah, Wisconsin, graduating from Luther High School in Onalaska, Wisconsin in 1966; and

WHEREAS, John Marten pursued his goal of being a Lutheran school teacher, enrolling at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, graduating in 1970 and following a teaching/coaching/organist/choir director position in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and some travel, he accepted a call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran School in Acoma Township, Hutchinson, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, In 1982 John accepted a call to teach at St. John Lutheran School in Princeton, Wisconsin, where he also served as principal, organist, and choir director, and in 1987 John began teaching grades 6-8 at St. Peter Lutheran School in Milwaukee, and not long after, John pursued a master's degree in reading/language arts at Cardinal Stritch University, graduating with a Reading Teacher License and a master's degree in 1994; and

WHEREAS, John Marten has served 45 years in the teaching ministry, 28 of which were in the City of Milwaukee, first at St. Peter Lutheran School and then at Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School, and his contributions run deep as he has served as principal, 7th and 8th grade teacher, and athletic director, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, For his dedication and service, John Marten was honored with a weekend service of worship and thanksgiving, followed by a reception in gratitude for his years of service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates John Marten on his retirement from Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to John Marten.

Introduced by Common Council member Robert G. Donovan and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 23, 2015.