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Resolution congratulating The Milwaukee Choristers on their 80th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

THE MILWAUKEE CHORISTERS

has received the distinction of celebrating its 80th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Choristers were founded in 1933 by a group of 20 Riverside High School graduates who wanted to continue singing together after graduation (with their conductor, Ellen Sargeant) and since then have established themselves as an integral part of the arts community in Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Choristers have had the honor of performing at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City, the 1984 National Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony in Washington D.C. and toured Europe in 1988, 1994 and 1999; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Choristers have produced three CDs, performed Milwaukee's first full-scale performance of John Rutter's Requiem in 1989 and joined the world-renowned King's Singers at the Pabst Theater in 2006 ; and*

WHEREAS, *The Milwaukee Choristers have been under the leadership of Dr. James B. Kinchen, Jr. since 1993 and celebrated their 80th anniversary on March 22, 2014 at Wiseguys Banquet and Entertainment Center, and followed that up with performances on April 25 and 26, 2014 on the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran College where they were joined by the 2014 Riverside High School Choir and retired Choristers, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee formally recognizes The Milwaukee Choristers and congratulates the organization on its 80th anniversary celebration, and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to The Milwaukee Choristers.*

Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Milele A. Coggs, Michael J. Murphy and Ashanti Hamilton and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 4, 2014.