

BY ALDS. PUENTE, DUDZIK, ZIELINSKI, BOHL, WADE, BAUMAN, HAMILTON, WITKOWSKI, DONOVAN, KOVAC, COGGS, PEREZ

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Lt. Christopher John Blaszak, who passed from this life on March 12, 2015.

WHEREAS,

LT. CHRISTOPHER JOHN BLASZAK

passed from this life on March 12, 2015 at the age of 45, and funeral services were held at Elmbrook Church, 777 S. Barker Rd., on March 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, *Christopher John Blaszak joined the Milwaukee Police Department in August 1992, and was a veteran homicide detective who proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, including active duty overseas in Afghanistan; and*

WHEREAS, *Christopher Blaszak first joined the Milwaukee Police Department as a recruit at the Training Academy in 1992, and during his early career served in Districts Two and Six, as well as the Special Operations Division before he was promoted to detective in 2001, and as a detective he worked in the Criminal Investigation Bureau and the Intelligence Fusion Center, and following his promotion to lieutenant in 2013 he worked in the Central Investigations Division and the Technical Communications Division; and*

WHEREAS, *Lt. Christopher Blaszak was an innovator and tireless worker, known for embracing new technology at the Milwaukee Police Department, and he pioneered the Milwaukee Police Department's use of ShotSpotter, a software program that uses a series of remote sensors that verifies the sounds of gunfire, pinpoints its location and sends the data to the police, and he twice received the Unit Service Award and made numerous Merit Arrests; and*

WHEREAS, *With a reputation for selfless dedication to family and loved ones, Christopher Blaszak leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 27 years, Bunny, his children Carson, Chanse, and Casmira, sister Michele Steger, and many other loving relatives, colleagues and friends; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Lt. Christopher John Blaszak, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Lt. Christopher John Blaszak.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert W. Puente, Joe Dudzik, Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl, Willie C. Wade, Robert J. Bauman, Ashanti Hamilton, Terry L. Witkowski, Robert G. Donovan, Nik Kovac, Milele A. Coggs and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 31, 2015.