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Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Arturo Martinez.

WHEREAS,

DR. ARTURO MARTINEZ

was honored for his contributions to the Hispanic community during Hispanic Heritage Month by the Milwaukee Common Council meeting on October 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arturo Martinez was born in San Antonio, Texas, and moved to Racine, where he graduated from Horlick High School, and he went on to receive his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in adult education, and in 2007 he went on to accomplish his lifelong dream and received his Ph.D. in adult education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arturo Martinez lived his life serving the Latino community by creating a Spanish Dental Program that worked with many Milwaukee Workforce Agencies, and during his career he was the Director of the MATC Campus Adult Basic Education, Bilingual, GED/HSED, and IET Programs and culminated his professional career as the Executive Director for the Department of Economic and Workforce Development - College of Southern Nevada (CSN) in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, At the College of Southern Nevada, Dr. Martinez led the university to be a national leader in workforce innovation, helped GED students to concurrently enroll in college courses and enter high demand degree higher education pathways, and he helped to grow enrollments in his department to over 10,000 students, and in recognition of this work, Dr. Martinez was invited to present on the CSN-Integrated Education AtB Model (Ability to Benefit), at the prestigious American Association of Community College-Workforce Institute in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arturo Martinez received several outstanding national and local recognitions such as the United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) 2015 Hispanic Man of the Year Award, and Dr. Martinez gave decades of service to the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation/Mexican Fiesta where he served as Secretary & Entertainment Coordinator; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith honors Dr. Arturo Martinez during Hispanic Heritage Month, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his exemplary service, and celebrates his enduring legacy; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Arturo Martinez.

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, JoCasta Zamarripa, Lamont Westmoreland, Jonathan Brostoff, Andrea Pratt, Scott Spiker, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs Khalif J. Rainey, and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 10, 2023.