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*Resolution recognizing Miriam Ben-Shalom and Karen Weiss for an act of bravery.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **MIRIAM BEN-SHALOM & KAREN WEISS**

*committed an act of bravery in October 2016, when their actions helped Milwaukee Police Department officers apprehend a trio of suspects in an alleged car theft ring; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Following a musical matinee in downtown Milwaukee, Miriam Ben-Shalom and Karen Weiss had planned to enjoy a nice dinner out on the town, but as they were retrieving a walker from the trunk of their car, a young man attacked and tried to overpower the valet parking attendant in an attempt to commit a carjacking; and*

**WHEREAS,** *A renowned activist and retired Army drill sergeant, Miriam Ben-Shalom tackled the would-be carjacker, pinned him to the pavement and, in her own words, “put the toe of my boot in a socially significant place... (and) told him if he tried to move or do anything, he would walk very funny for the rest of his life and pee through a tube;” and*

**WHEREAS,** *Using her cane to push back the assailant’s hood, Karen Weiss got a good look at the would-be carjacker’s features in order to help police identify him, and when a stolen truck pulled up moments later and an armed accomplice forced the women at gunpoint to release the man on the ground, both Miriam and Karen had the presence of mind to commit to memory the descriptors which would help law enforcement apprehend the suspects; and*

**WHEREAS,** *As a result of their bravery, toughness and quick thinking, Miriam Ben-Shalom and Karen Weiss were credited with helping police capture three members of the so-called “Cut Throat Mob” of allegedly violent criminals and vandals, who were subsequently charged with more than 31 felonies and misdemeanors; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Miriam Ben-Shalom and Karen Weiss for their acts of bravery, thanks them for helping make the City of Milwaukee a safer place and wishes for them continued health and happiness; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Miriam Ben-Shalom and Karen Weiss.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson, Khalif J. Rainey and José G. Pérez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2017.**