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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of civic leader William Ryan “Bill” Drew, who passed from this life on October 17, 2019.

WHEREAS,

WILLIAM RYAN “BILL” DREW

passed from this life on October 17, 2019, at the age of 83, and a Mass of Resurrection was held for family and friends on November 2, 2019 at Old St. Mary's Church, 844 N. Broadway; and

WHEREAS, *William Ryan “Bill” Drew graduated with the Class of 1966 at Marquette University Law school and carried license number 1008452 from the State Bar of Wisconsin, and became a litigating attorney who practiced real estate and construction law at the downtown law firm O’Neil Cannon Hollman DeJong and Laing S.C., and*

WHEREAS, *William Drew became the 4th District Alderman for the City of Milwaukee in 1968, then rose to the role of Common Council President in 1972, before becoming Commissioner of the Department of City Development in 1974 during the administration of Mayor Henry Maier where he played a key role in economic growth for the City of Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill Drew’s commitment to the residents of Milwaukee County continued in 1985 when he recommended the creation of the County Research Park and then served on the Park’s Board of Directors before his appointment as Executive Director of the Research Park and encouraged the Park’s high-technology development which became one of the largest office complexes in Milwaukee County; and*

WHEREAS, *Bill Drew also furthered his public service as President of the Board of Directors for the City of Milwaukee Retiree’s Association, Board of Directors for Summerfest, and Vice-Chairman of the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, as well as other notable Milwaukee Area boards and committees; and*

WHEREAS, *William Ryan “Bill” Drew leaves to cherish his memory his family, friends, fellow civic leaders, and the entire City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of William Ryan “Bill” Drew and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man and civic leader; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of William Ryan “Bill” Drew.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2019.