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Resolution congratulating Natasha M. Perez on being named Class of 2024 Salutatorian at Milwaukee High School of the Arts.

WHEREAS,

NATASHA M. PEREZ

was named Class of 2024 Salutatorian at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, *Natasha M. Perez graduated from middle school at MPS Greenfield Bilingual during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and entered high school in 2020 at Milwaukee High School of the Arts (MHSA) majoring in Visual Arts; and*

WHEREAS, *Natasha's entire first year of high school was virtual, and while not a traditional start, she committed herself to embracing as much of the high school experience as possible, and while MHSA did not have enough students to form their own soccer team, Natasha joined Milwaukee School of Languages for her freshman year of soccer, playing alongside her peers while adhering to the mask and other social distancing requirements; and*

WHEREAS, *During the pandemic, Natasha was awarded a Karma for Cara grant to provide cakes to youth experiencing homelessness, and she baked cakes with the desired theme for the youth and delivered them to local shelters on their birthdays; and*

WHEREAS, *Natasha launched Tasha's Cake Services in 2020 and created custom cookies for City of Milwaukee Common Council LGBTQ+ Month (2022) Celebration, Milwaukee Film Hispanic Heritage Month, and other local businesses. (2021), and had cookies featured at the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee festival at Zocalo (2021); and*

WHEREAS, *Natasha Perez has served as an exemplary volunteer and soccer team member, and at MHSA has been recognized as a Junior of Achievement (May 2023), an Honor Roll Student (2020-2024), and was named Class of 2024 Salutatorian; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and congratulates Natasha M. Perez on being named Class of 2024 Salutatorian at Milwaukee High School of the Arts, and wishes for her continued health, success, and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to Natasha M. Perez.*

Introduced by Common Council members JoCasta Zamarripa, José G. Pérez, Lamont Westmoreland, Jonathan Brostoff, Andrea M. Pratt, Scott Spiker, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Milele A. Coggs and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 11, 2024.