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Resolution congratulating Maria Castrejon-Perez on her selection as the 2013 Hispanic Woman of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

MARIA CATREJON-PEREZ

was selected as the 2013 Hispanic Woman of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services, and was honored during UMOS' 33rd annual Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 12, 2013 at the Italian Conference Center; and

***WHEREAS,** Maria Castrejon-Perez has a kind heart and is dedicated to always putting others first, and she is currently serving as an operations staff manager at US Bank, and she uses her educational and financial experience to assist others within the community and she is heavily involved in the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) where she was the first female president of LULAC Council #326, and serves as LULAC's deputy state director for the elderly; and*

***WHEREAS,** Maria is also an active volunteer for UMOS, volunteering for the UMOS Mexican Independence Parade and Festival and its Breakfast with Santa, and she has volunteered for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, Racine Hispanic Chamber, La Casa de Esperanza and the United Community Center; and*

***WHEREAS,** Maria was the first in her family to graduate college with a bachelor's degree in clinical psychology, and her parents both worked factory jobs and made it known that they never wanted their children to step foot in a factory, and Maria's family shaped her into the woman she is today and her parents' wishes that she continue her education gave her the push she needed to attain her master's degree from Elmhurst College; and*

***WHEREAS,** The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and in 2013, UMOS celebrates 48 years of building better futures for the individuals, families and communities it serves, and Maria Castrejon-Perez is an outstanding example of someone making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Maria Castrejon-Perez on being selected as the 2013 Hispanic Woman of the Year, commends her for her achievement and accomplishments, and wishes for her a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Maria Castrejon-Perez.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert W. Puente, Jim Bohl, Terry L. Witkowski, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Tony Zielinski and Robert G. Donovan and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2013.