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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Felix Mantilla.

WHEREAS,

FELIX MANTILLA

passed from this life on January 10, 2025 at the age of 90 and services were held for family and friends on January 19, 2025 at Journey House, 2110 W. Scott Street.; and

WHEREAS, *Felix Mantilla was born on July 29, 1934 in Isabela, Puerto Rico and his professional baseball career includes time in Puerto Rico playing for the Caguas Criollos and the San Juan Senadores, as well as time in the MLB playing for the New York Mets, Boston Red Sox, Houston Astros and mostly notably the Milwaukee Braves; and*

WHEREAS, *The Felix Mantilla League is one of his lasting impacts on the Milwaukee community and was started in 1972 to provide coaching, training, and academic development to underprivileged children. and his goal was to provide a safe space for the youth of Milwaukee, and the league also includes an Education and Cultural Exchange Program that hosts Puerto Rican players in Milwaukee and hosts trips to Puerto Rico; and*

WHEREAS, *Felix Mantilla was also awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Cardinal Stritch for his commitments to youth baseball in Milwaukee and Puerto Rico; and*

WHEREAS, *Felix Mantilla will be remembered for his impacts on the communities of Milwaukee and Puerto Rico, his contributions to baseball, and the difference he made in the lives of those he touched as a player, mentor and as a supporter of youth baseball and the importance of academics; and*

WHEREAS, *Felix Mantilla leaves behind a host of people to cherish his memory, including his wife, Kay, his son, Felix, his sister Felita, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, his niece and nephew, and his community; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Felix Mantilla and mourns the passing of this upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Felix Mantilla.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark Chambers, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Andrea M. Pratt, Robert Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, JoCasta Zamarripa, Sharlen P. Moore, Larresa Taylor and Scott Spiker and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2025.