

BY ALDS. MURPHY, STAMPER, WADE

Resolution congratulating Leo Ries on his retirement from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation in Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

LEO RIES

retired with pride and satisfaction on April 30, 2015 from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation in Milwaukee and was recognized during the Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation on April 15, 2015 at Potawatomi Hotel, 1611 W. Canal St.; and

WHEREAS, *Leo Ries was named executive director of Local Initiatives Support Corp. (LISC) in Milwaukee in February 2000, and has served the Milwaukee community with distinction in that role for 15 years; and*

WHEREAS, *LISC in Milwaukee is a nonprofit, which is a part of a national network with a focus of neighborhood revitalization, and provides a support structure for grass-roots community groups trying to change neighborhoods; and*

WHEREAS, *Under Leo Ries's leadership, LISC has aided 110 community-based organizations, financed more than 2,300 houses and apartments, and 1.4 million square feet of commercial and community space totaling more than \$368 million generated in development costs for neighborhood revitalization projects; and*

WHEREAS, *Leo Ries recently has initiated a partnership with the Milwaukee Police Department on community safety issues and re-launched the Associates in Commercial Real Estate Program to help introduce minorities and women to careers in commercial real estate; and*

WHEREAS, *Leo Ries served with dedication for 10 years as the Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development for the City of Milwaukee's Department of City Development, and has also served the Milwaukee community as a volunteer at Casa Maria Catholic Worker House, as a registered nurse in an intensive care unit, and as business manager for two inner-city Catholic churches; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Leo Ries on his retirement from the Local Initiatives Support Corp., extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Leo Ries.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II and Willie C. Wade and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 21, 2015.