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Resolution recognizing and congratulating Francis (Fran) Chilson on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS,

Francis Chilson

Celebrated his 100th birthday, on March 9th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, *Francis Chilson was born on March 9th, 1920 in Oconto, WI and throughout his life he served the United States Navy and is a World War II veteran; and*

WHEREAS, *Francis Chilson met the love of his life, Frances (Bidly) Francour in Menomonee, WI and married her in 1946, and later moved to Milwaukee where he was employed by Allen Bradley for 31 years, in addition to bartending in Bay View for over 30 years to make ends meet; and*

WHEREAS, *Francis Chilson, in 1959, moved to St. Francis and raised 10 children and lived there until 1979 when Allen Bradley relocated one of its divisions from El Paso, TX, and later retired from Allen Bradley and returned back home in 1984 and has been a resident of Bay View for 35 years; and*

WHEREAS, *Francis Chilson celebrated 70 years of marriage in April of 2016 with his life-long partner Bidly who passed away later that year at 90 years old; and*

WHEREAS, *Francis Chilson was a very skilled handyman who loved fixing things, doing woodwork projects and often made many of his own Christmas & other holiday decorations; and*

WHEREAS, *Francis Chilson is an avid home team fan of the Packers, Brewers, Bucks, Badgers, and Marquette and is still known for his quick wit and deadpan humor that's often insightful, inspiring, and funny; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Francis Chilson on reaching his 100th birthday and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Francis Chilson in recognition of his 100th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Tony Zielinski, Milele A. Coggs, Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 11, 2020.