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Resolution recognizing and congratulating Rocco “Rocky” Todd on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

WHEREAS,

ROCCO H. “ROCKY” TODD

celebrated his 90th birthday on April 24, 2022 during a special celebration that included a special afternoon Mass at St. Charles Borromeo, 5571 W. Marilyn St.; and

WHEREAS, *Rocco H. “Rocky” Todd was born April 24, 1932 in West Allis to Stella Elizabeth and Howard Monroe Todd, and grew up with four brothers: Howard Monroe, James Roger, and twins, Roger William and Clinton John; and*

WHEREAS, *Rocky built and raced Midget cars with his uncles, worked at a bike shop on Saturdays, and then became an avid race car fan and a fixture at the famous Milwaukee Mile (years later, as a Milwaukee Police officer, he felt it an honor to escort legendary driver Mario Andretti and crew from the INDY 500, creating a commercial for Goodyear tires at the Milwaukee Mile); and*

WHEREAS, *Rocky joined the Milwaukee Police Department as an officer in 1956 and served under eight police chiefs, and he took his oath “To obey and enforce all laws without prejudice or favor” very seriously, and started in the Metro Division out of District One, but traveled to all districts, getting to know many fellow officers quickly, and his assignments often took him to accident scenes, and family and neighbor problems that he tried to settle amicably (making arrests only as a last resort), by listening carefully and sometimes using his sense of humor to quell disagreements; and*

WHEREAS, *During his lengthy and distinguished career as a Milwaukee Police officer, Rocky escorted famous artists back to hotels from Summerfest, remembers taking the Beatles back to their hotel as young female fans were trying to mob the band, he had the honor of escorting several U.S. Presidents visiting Milwaukee, and even enjoyed escorting now Saint Mother Teresa while she was in Milwaukee accepting an invitation to speak at Marquette University; and*

WHEREAS, *Rocky met his future wife, Christine “Chris,” by chance in 1956, and it was love at first sight and the beginning of a lifelong romance, and they were married on May 22, 1971, at the Joan of Arc Chapel at Marquette University, reception at the Eagles Club (first wedding reception to be held there), thanks to Ray Markey, who was Chris’s boss for 12 years as City Clerk (and who had been the Eagles Club Business Manager for many years); and*

WHEREAS, *Rocky Todd was a proud member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Milwaukee, and each St. Patrick’s Day, he would attend the annual Mass dressed in his AOH garb along with his fellow members at St. Patrick Parish in the near south side; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Rocco H. “Rocky” Todd on reaching his 90th 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 Rocco H. “Rocky” Todd in recognition of his 90th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 10, 2022.