

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Terry L. Witkowski.

WHEREAS,

TERRY L. WITKOWSKI

passed from this life on Monday, November 4 at the age of 79 and services were held for family and friends on ; and

WHEREAS, *Terry L. Witkowski began working at the age of 12 when he got his first paper route, and it started a career of service and dedication and included working for the City Safety Commission at the age of 24 presenting safety programs in elementary schools and supervising half the city's crossing guards north of North Avenue, and at 26, he was promoted to manage the program (making him the youngest person to run a city-wide City of Milwaukee program) and started new programming, including writing materials for teachers, children, parents and drivers, and achieving a 50% reduction in child pedestrian accidents; and*

WHEREAS, *At age 42, Terry was appointed Safety Director for the Milwaukee Safety Commission, starting new programs and enlisting partners to improve safety in the city, and during this time the city saw a reduction of crashes by a third and record lows for traffic fatalities (the efforts were successful and nationally recognized); and*

WHEREAS, *Shortly after winning election in 2003 to the Milwaukee Common Council as 13th District Alderman, Alderman Terry L. Witkowski passed a resolution officially designating the 13th Aldermanic District as the City's Garden District in recognition of the district's rich gardening tradition and the many active gardeners that resided in the district, and in addition, Alderman Witkowski -- alongside a dedicated group of 13th District residents and volunteers -- worked to transform a plot of vacant land near S. 6th St. and W. Howard Ave. into a thriving community garden and green technology space that city and district residents continue to enjoy and expand to this day; and*

WHEREAS, *After retiring from office in May 2019, Terry became an active volunteer leader with the Garden District Neighborhood Association, community garden, several holiday events, and other quality of life events successful and beneficial to residents of the area and to many across the city, and also served as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and*

WHEREAS, *In February 2024, Alderman Scott Spiker sponsored a resolution (Common Council File #231698) that called for the honorary renaming of Norwich Street between S. 6th Street and S. 5th Place as 'Alderman Terry L. Witkowski' in honor of his predecessor, and by assigning the honorary street name, Alderman Spiker hoped to officially honor Alderman Witkowski's tremendous work in creating the Garden District and recognize the former alderman's many positive contributions to the 13th District and the City of Milwaukee, and the file received unanimous final approval by the Milwaukee Common Council on March 19, 2024; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Terry Witkowski, who will be remembered fondly for his hard work, decades of public service, and the joy he brought to others; and, be it; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Terry L. Witkowski, who was an outstanding citizen and leader.*

Introduced and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 6, 2024: Scott Spiker, Andrea M. Pratt, Mark Chambers, Jr., Robert J. Bauman, Lamont Westmoreland, Milele A. Coggs, DiAndre Jackson, JoCasta Zamarripa, Larresa Taylor, Sharlen P. Moore, Peter Burgelis, José G. Pérez, Marina Dimitrijevic, and Russell W. Stamper, II.