

BY ALDS. DUDZIK, PEREZ, COGGS

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy J. Seeley, who passed from this life on February 1, 2013.

WHEREAS,

DOROTHY J. SEELEY

passed from this life on February 1, 2013 at the age of 96, and was honored at the United Seniors of Wisconsin bingo hall, 4515 W. Forest Home Ave., on February 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, *Dorothy J. Seeley was born in Superior, Wisc., on February 11, 1916, to Emil and Philomena Ams, and eventually moved to Milwaukee, where she worked for 27 years operating a 60-ton overhead crane at Nordberg's; and*

WHEREAS, *Known to joke with friends and family that "the first 100 years are the hardest," Dorothy J. Seeley filled hers with loving family, hard work and remarkable civic involvement, becoming the first woman in Wisconsin history to run for a senate seat and serving as a delegate to the Milwaukee County Labor Council and a member of the Carpenter's Auxiliary 252, the Allied Council of Senior Citizens, the Greenfield Fire & Police Commission, the Southside Business Association and the Southeastern Wisconsin Mother's March of Dimes board; and*

WHEREAS, *With a passion for helping others, Dorothy J. Seeley used her background in community services to found the United Seniors of Wisconsin in 1986, and expanded it into a valuable volunteer-run organization that contributes many desperately-needed resources and programs to people of all generations, genders, ethnicities, socio-economic statuses and religious beliefs, channeling profits realized in Bingo games to help people overcome health problems and maintain healthy lifestyles; and*

WHEREAS, *Along with her husband Harrison, Dorothy J. Seeley was among those who created the original Greenfield Bi-Centennial Park at 52nd and Layton Ave., where she held annual memorial weekend picnics, and she also received an honor from the J.C. Penney Foundation for civic achievement and was recognized in 1990 as one of the Ten Most Admired Senior Citizens of Wisconsin; and*

WHEREAS, *Dorothy J. Seeley leaves to cherish her memory daughters Carolyn Clements and Roberta Kraus, grandchildren Christine Busalacchi, Cynthia Mathes, Cheryl Kallerud, Craig Clements, Melissa Deacon, Brenda Seeley, Jeffrey Kraus, Charlene Kastler, Kenneth Kraus, Brian Kraus, Dorene Simons and Denise Simons, 20 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren and a whole host of adoring friends, family and grateful community members; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy J. Seeley and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this extraordinary woman; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dorothy J. Seeley.*

Introduced by Common Council members Joe Dudzik, José G. Pérez and Milele A. Coggs and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 27, 2013.