

Resolution commending Ronald E. “Ron” Cichon for his outstanding contributions to legislative branches of government and congratulating him on his retirement.

WHEREAS,

RONALD E. “RON” CICHON

founded Daystar Computer Systems and retired from Granicus, Inc. on April 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, *In 1982, Ron Cichon founded Daystar Computer Systems in Chicago, and the company would go on to create groundbreaking and powerful legislative tools to run government policy-making with greater efficiency and transparency, and legislative branches of government across the U.S. and in other nations soon utilized Daystar to eliminate paper files and store and track data on computers; and*

WHEREAS, *Under the leadership of Ron Cichon, the Daystar customer base spread throughout the United States and several foreign countries, and cities, towns, villages, school districts, and Native American Tribal governments benefited from its unique products, which opened the workings of government to the public (transparency) through the Internet and created efficiencies and cost savings; and*

WHEREAS, *Former City Clerk Ronald D. Leonhardt made the City of Milwaukee Common Council an early user of Daystar tools, and he remarked that Ron Cichon “listened closely to his customers, developing Legistar in response to the daily needs of the municipal clerks who supported legislative operations in their municipalities, and he was a true partner who is loyal to his customers”; and*

WHEREAS, *In 2011, Granicus, a leading cloud platform provider for government transparency, efficiency, and citizen participation that had been a regular partner with Daystar, announced it would be acquiring Daystar, therefore ensuring that the products and tools Ron Cichon worked to create would continue to benefit communities across the globe; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commends Ronald E. “Ron” Cichon on the occasion of his retirement from Granicus, Inc., thanks him for his outstanding contributions to legislative branches of government in communities across the U.S. and the world, 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 Ronald E. “Ron” Cichon.*

Introduced by Common Council members Willie L. Hines, Jr., Tony Zielinski, Nik Kovac, Michael J. Murphy, Terry L. Witkowski, Joe Dudzik, Jim Bohl, Robert G. Donovan, Milele A. Cogs, Ashanti Hamilton and Jose G. Perez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 30, 2013.