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Resolution congratulating Hector Colón on his selection as the 2019 Hispanic Man of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

HECTOR COLÓN

was selected as the 2019 Hispanic Man of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services, and was honored during UMOS's 39th annual Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 19, 2019 at Potawatomi Hotel and Casino; and

WHEREAS, *Hector Colón was an elite athlete, having won seven national boxing titles in six different weight classes, and his passion for boxing took him all over the world representing the United States National Boxing team, and in 1992 he competed in the Olympic trials, and the following year he won the US welterweight title and earned himself the front cover of USA boxing magazine, as well as an inside cover position in Sports Illustrated; and*

WHEREAS, *Outside of the ring, Hector Colón made a commitment to fight for the rights of others and to dedicate his life to meaningful service, and in doing so he served in Governor Jim Doyle and Mayor Tom Barrett's administrations and also served as the associate executive director for the United Community Center, as well as an assistant director at the Wisconsin Correctional Services; and*

WHEREAS, *Hector Colón previously served as director of the Department of Health and Human Services in Milwaukee County where he led several county-wide initiatives, including efforts to reform the juvenile justice system, end chronic homelessness, transform mental health care, and end a 30-year waitlist for disability services; and*

WHEREAS, *Hector Colón became the President and CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan in 2017, one of the largest non-profits in the state, with more than 850 employees and more than 260 programs in 115 communities, and he carries a solid track record of producing results through innovation, servant leadership, employee empowerment, and by achieving alignment, integration and coordination of systems that improve organizational performance and outcomes; and*

WHEREAS, *The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and Hector Colón is an outstanding example of an individual making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Hector Colón on being selected as the 2019 Hispanic Man of the Year, commends him for his accomplishments, and wishes for him a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Hector Colón.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Perez, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2019.