

ALDS. PÉREZ, PUENTE, BOHL, COGGS, BORKOWSKI

Resolution congratulating Centro Hispano Milwaukee on its 52nd anniversary.

WHEREAS,

CENTRO HISPANO MILWAUKEE

celebrated its 52nd anniversary of serving Milwaukee during a special gala event held March 12, 2016 at Potawatomi Bingo Casino, 1721 W. Canal St; and

WHEREAS, *Centro Hispano Milwaukee was founded in 1964 when the Archdiocese of Milwaukee gave John Maurice \$6,000 to open a center to specifically serve the Latino population, and “El Centro Hispano Americano” became the first non-profit organization in Milwaukee to serve Latinos and after incorporation in 1964, the organization’s official name became Council for the Spanish Speaking, Inc.; and*

WHEREAS, *Centro Hispano Milwaukee has become a community fixture, providing programs in education, human services and housing, and has promoted racial, cultural and linguistic understanding, all while developing social and economic equity through community planning; and*

WHEREAS, *Centro Hispano Milwaukee has championed education and providing access to personal and family development programming, to create pathways for economic advancement and self-sufficiency; and*

WHEREAS, *Centro Hispano Milwaukee serves more than 20,000 residents at 15 locations in Milwaukee, providing services ranging from the Dual Language and Bilingual Enrichment Head Start (which offers educational assistance to more than 750 children), to the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which serves more than 5,000 people each holiday season; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Centro Hispano Milwaukee on its 52nd anniversary, thanks it for its many positive contributions to the city and wishes for it continued prosperity; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution by presented to Centro Hispano Milwaukee.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert W. Puente, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 29, 2016.