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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Elvira Prado Mendieta, who passed from this life on April 4, 2019.

WHEREAS,

ELVIRA PRADO MENDIETA

passed from this life on April 4, 2019, and funeral services were held on April 9, 2019 at Church in the City, 2648 N. Hackett Ave.; and

WHEREAS, *Elvira Prado Mendieta, a loving wife, mother and community leader, was born in Michoacán, Mexico, where she earned her associate degree, and began work as an administrative assistant for the Michoacán state government; and*

WHEREAS, *While working in Michoacán, Elvira Prado Mendieta met her soulmate, Chef Jose Mendieta, who introduced her to the culinary arts, which she immediately found a great passion for; and*

WHEREAS, *Elvira Prado Mendieta earned a degree in Culinary Arts from the Josefina Velazquez de Leon Culinary Arts Academy in Mexico City and later continued her education under renowned chef Iñaki Estarloa; and*

WHEREAS, *Elvira Prado began her journey as a chef and restaurateur by opening up her first restaurant with her husband named “Grand Teocalli,” and later gained national attention through her work in her second restaurant in Michoacán named “El Rey Sol” before migrating to the United States with her husband; and*

WHEREAS, *In Milwaukee, Elvira Prado opened up her third restaurant with her husband, also named “El Rey Sol,” bringing a new wave of flavors to the city by creating a special place for the Hispanic community to gather, and became an icon with her husband through their efforts in trying to improve the Hispanic community’s landscape in Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Elvira Prado Mendieta was preceded in death by her husband, Jose “Pepe” Mendieta, and leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Citlali, three siblings, two grandchildren, and a host of loving family and friends; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Elvira Prado Mendieta, recognizes her lasting impact on her community, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding woman; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Elvira Prado Mendieta.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 16, 2019.