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Resolution congratulating Ric and Julie Valdez on their selection as the 2017 Hispanic Family of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

RIC & JULIE VALDEZ

were selected as the 2017 Hispanic Family of the Year by the United Migrant Opportunity Services, and were honored during the annual UMOS Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 28, 2017 at the Potawatomi Hotel & Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, Ric Valdez has been a part of the United States Army, National Guard, and worked as a drill sergeant, and has received many awards for his performance and leadership, and earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in biblical studies and completed a minor in Greek, and he has worked as a Spanish teacher at both the elementary and university levels, and he has held church services in Spanish as a pastor, and serves as a chaplain for Horizon Hospice and the Milwaukee Brewers, and serves on numerous boards and committees for nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Julie Valdez has always been active in her church, and served on worship teams, and took on leadership roles, and she earned a degree in counseling, and she serves on several nonprofit committees, and consults organizations on their diversity and inclusion practices; and

WHEREAS, Ric and Julie Valdez have four kids with specials needs, which has increased their passion for advocacy for children with autism and parents raising children with special needs, and they have organized many service projects, fundraisers, and educational events for the bilingual community in Milwaukee, and they have worked with churches to educate on diversity and inclusion, and they work with Thrivent Financial to bring financial literacy and nonprofit dollars to the Hispanic community, and they have led many humanitarian trips to other countries, and helped to start a Christian charter school in Milwaukee that has now grown to three locations; and

WHEREAS, The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and in 2017, UMOS celebrates those who work to build better futures for the individuals, families and communities it serves, and Ric and Julie Valdez embody an outstanding example of a family 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 Ric and Julie Valdez on being selected as the 2017 Hispanic Family of the Year, commends them for their achievement and accomplishments, and wishes for them a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Ric and Julie Valdez.

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 7, 2017.

