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Resolution congratulating Bernadette Swider for receiving the 2014 Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award presented by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress.

WHEREAS,

BERNADETTE SWIDER

were awarded the 2014 Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress on November 2, 2014 at the 18th annual Polish Independence Day/Veterans Day luncheon at the Polish Center of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, *Bernadette Swider's involvement and pride for her Polish heritage is rooted from the difficult experiences her parents faced during and after World War II; and*

WHEREAS, *Bernadette Swider served as member of the Wisconsin Polish American Congress and as a recording secretary in council 8 of the Polish National Alliance as a teenager, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Dominican University; and*

WHEREAS, *Prior to serving as a certified Change Management Consultant at Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee, Bernadette Swider worked with the Federal Reserve Bank and Price Waterhouse in Chicago; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1999, Bernadette began the effort to create a children's Polish folk dance group in Milwaukee and successfully co-founded the Syrenka Children's Folk Dance Ensemble with the mission to carry on the rich Polish Folk dancing tradition into the next generation; and*

WHEREAS, *Bernadette is especially grateful to her mother Alina Bialobrzaska-Sedlak for the love of her heritage, to her husband for his support, and to her children, Lucas (23) and Gabrielle (19), and the founding members of Syrenka; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Bernadette Swider on being honored with the Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award from the Wisconsin PAC, recognizes her for her dedication to her Polish heritage and wishes for her continued health and happiness; and, be it*

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

Introduced by Common Council members Joe Dudzik, Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl, Robert G. Donovan, Milele A. Coggs, Robert W. Puente, Willie L. Hines, Jr., José G. Pérez and Michael J. Murphy and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 14, 2014.

