

BY ALD. BOHL

*Resolution congratulating Our Redeemer Lutheran School on being named a National Blue Ribbon School.*

**WHEREAS,**

**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*has received the honor of being named a 2013 Blue Ribbon School by the Council for American Private Education; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Our Redeemer Lutheran School (ORLS) has been a strong and positive presence in Wauwautosa since 1931 educating grades K3-8 and it continuously works to serve \ the church and the community through the active involvement of exemplary educators, administrators, families and students who work tirelessly to foster success; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Our Redeemer Lutheran School is fully accredited through the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) and after a rigorous evaluation process was chosen as one of five schools to be recognized as exemplary in 2009, and again in 2010 by the NLSA based upon the quality of academics and programs, as well as its spiritual dimension; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Our Redeemer Lutheran School has continues to work to provide students with opportunities to discover their talents, offering programs in foreign language, fine arts, physical education, and health and guidance classes all taught by specialists, and its staff is constantly working together and find out what they can improve, sharing strategies and recognizing those who stand out in order to provide the best possible outcome for students; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Our Redeemer Lutheran School, as a private, religious school is funded by parents and the congregation, who have made it possible for the school to provide advanced technology in classrooms, special education opportunities and financial assistance to those in need, and its community, congregation and school works diligently to provide students with every possible opportunity; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Through its decades of dedication to the education of its students and its Lutheran faith Our Redeemer has stood out as an exemplary school, with students this year scoring better than 94 percent of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 99% better than 4<sup>th</sup> graders, 95% better 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 94% better than 8<sup>th</sup> graders throughout the nation and its graduates move easily through advanced high school classes, and often on to top tier universities; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee formally recognizes Our Redeemer Lutheran School, congratulates it on being named a National Blue Ribbon School and wishes it continued success in academics; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Our Redeemer Lutheran School.*

**Introduced by Common Council member Jim Bohl and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on October 15, 2013**