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Resolution congratulating Thomas O. "Tom" Gartner on his retirement from the Milwaukee City Attorney's Office.

WHEREAS,

THOMAS O. "TOM" GARTNER

retired from the Milwaukee City Attorney's Office on June 12, 2015 after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Milwaukee and its agencies; and

WHEREAS, *Thomas O. "Tom" Gartner joined the City Attorney's Office in 1980 and during his career in city service served the City of Milwaukee, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Public Schools with skill, distinction, and class as an Assistant City Attorney, and throughout his esteemed career Thomas O. Gartner has provided expert counsel in matters of land use, real estate development, public finance, and urban redevelopment during his counsel of numerous mayors, aldermen, administrators, managers, department heads, and colleagues; and*

WHEREAS, *Tom Gartner served as Issuer's Counsel on the first revenue bonds issued by a Housing or Redevelopment Authority in the State of Wisconsin, and subsequently participated in more than 175 municipal revenue bond financings; and*

WHEREAS, *Tom Gartner has negotiated and closed many significant development projects in Milwaukee accounting for hundreds of millions of dollars in new investment, including the Milwaukee Center, Schlitz Park, Stadium Business Park, the Harley-Davidson Museum, the Brewery Project, Cathedral Place, Bradley Tech, Menomonee Valley Business Park, Direct Supply, Reed Street Yards, Yankee Hill, the Moderne, the Milwaukee Art Museum, Discovery World, Summerfest, the Kenilworth Building and Northwestern Mutual; and*

WHEREAS, *In recognition of his devotion and contribution to public service, Tom Gartner received the 2012 Public Official of the Year Award from the Daily Reporter, and during his career has immeasurably enhanced the quality of life and the tax base of the City of Milwaukee by virtue of his tireless advocacy and unparalleled deal-making abilities; and*

WHEREAS, *Tom Gartner's legal expertise, creativity, and genuine concern for the City of Milwaukee and its residents have earned him the universal admiration and esteem of his colleagues, both as a friend and as a mentor; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee hereby congratulates Thomas O. "Tom" Gartner on his retirement from the City Attorney's Office, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his service, and wishes him a long, healthy and happy retirement; and be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas O. "Tom" Gartner, an outstanding employee of the City of Milwaukee.*

Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Robert J. Bauman, Michael J. Murphy, Tony Zielinski, Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, Robert G. Donovan, Robert W. Puente, Ashanti Hamilton and Jose G. Perez and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 23, 2015.