

BY ALD. ZIELINSKI

Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Branko Radicevic, Sr., who passed from this life on December 31, 2014.

WHEREAS,

BRANKO RADICEVIC, SR.

passed from this life at the age of 91 on December 31, 2014 after a long life as a pillar of the Bay View community; and

WHEREAS, *Born in Belgrade, 1923, Branko Radicevic, Sr. and his family were displaced from the Serbian region of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia by the onset of World War II, and, joining the pro-Serbian resistance against Axis occupation, was shot twice in the leg, imprisoned with his father in a Nazi jail and tortured until his release in 1944; and*

WHEREAS, *Well-known for his genial personality, Branko Radicevic, Sr. 's goodwill is exemplified by an occasion in 1941 when his family's truck was requisitioned by the military, and en route to central command, he came across a large group of Jews trying to escape Nazi persecution in Hungary, aiding the strangers by allowing them to ride in the truck through a German bombardment; and*

WHEREAS, *His father having escaped a concentration camp and, in 1955, opened Three Brothers Serbian Restaurant at 2412 S. St. Clair St. in Bay View, named for the three sons whom he longed to see again, Branko Radicevic, Sr. was the last member of his family to emigrate to Milwaukee, arriving in 1959 and receiving a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *Moving to New York to work for Bank of America, Branko Radicevic, Sr. met his wife Patricia and wed her in 1969 before moving across the country to Los Angeles, but feeling the pull of home in Milwaukee, they moved their family back to Wisconsin in 1972 and, following the death of Branko's father in 1976, took over operation of Three Brothers; and*

WHEREAS, *Investing himself in his community and his restaurant, Branko Radicevic, Sr. became a pillar of the Milwaukee community and a brilliant culinary success, working daily in the kitchen and nightly greeting customers and earning critical acclaim for his cuisine from Bon Appétit magazine, Gourmet magazine, the Food Network and the James Beard Foundation, which placed Three Brothers on its "List of American Classics;" and*

WHEREAS, *Branko Radicevic, Sr. leaves to cherish his memory a whole host of friends, family and a grateful community of neighbors and patrons; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Branko Radicevic, Sr. and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Branko Radicevic, Sr.*

Introduced by Common Council member Tony Zielinski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 21, 2015.