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Resolution recognizing and commending Margie Ree Harris on the premiere of a feature film based on the story of her life as a foster parent and community activist.

WHEREAS,

MARGIE REE HARRIS

was the subject of a feature film, Grandma's House, which premiered April 2, 2016 at the Marcus South Shore Cinema, 7261 S. 13th St.; and

***WHEREAS,** The grandmother of film producer Kimberley Zulkowski, Margie Ree Harris inspired the production of Grandma's House through her day-to-day life as a role model for the young people of Milwaukee, grounded as an inner-city matriarch and a pillar of strength and selflessly serving her family and the surrounding community; and*

***WHEREAS,** Having moved to Milwaukee in 1958, Margie Ree Harris attended Roosevelt School and the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and throughout her years, she operated a prison ministry and a youth outreach ministry, served as a personal care worker for adults with disabilities at the company Independence First, was a member of the United Sisters of Milwaukee Radio Ministry and founded two gospel singing groups, the Royal Soul Sisters and the Prayer Warriors; and*

***WHEREAS,** Known for her willingness to give generously of herself in order to inspire young people to achieve regardless of their circumstances, Margie Ree Harris has served as an example for nine loving children, 35 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, more than 125 foster children and a grateful community; and*

***WHEREAS,** Following its premiere in the Milwaukee area, Grandma's House will screen at AMC theaters nationwide beginning the week of April 29, 2016, including in Atlanta, Chicago, Columbus, Minneapolis, Tallahassee, Charlotte, Los Angeles, Ontario and Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and commends Margie Ree Harris on the premiere of Grandma's House, celebrates her dedication to the well-being of her community and recalls with great fondness this model of a committed foster parent and community activist; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Margie Ree Harris, a fine example of a dedicated community member.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez and Mark A. Borkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 15, 2016.