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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Henry “Ed” Drexler.

WHEREAS,

HENRY “ED” DREXLER

passed from this life at the age of 96 on March 13, 2023 after nearly 70 years as an educator, advocate, and mentor to the young minds of Pius XI High School; and

WHEREAS, *Henry “Ed” Drexler, an alum of Pius XI, first came to the school as a student on a \$50 scholarship awarded to him by the School Sisters of Saint Francis in 1941 (before serving in the United States Navy as a corpsman in Okinawa during World War II), and then earning his bachelor’s degree from UW-Madison and a master’s degree from Ohio State University, and finally returning to Pius XI in 1950 as a teacher; and*

WHEREAS, *Henry “Ed” Drexler, known for his unwavering commitment to his pupils, educated generations of students over nearly seven decades at Pius XI, teaching biology, chemistry, human genetics, and the occasional life lesson; and*

WHEREAS, *Henry “Ed” Drexler, recognizing the importance of introducing students to the field of genetics, authored The Puzzle of Inheritance: Genetics and the Message of Science, a textbook used at Pius IX and beyond, which has received nearly every teaching award available to; and*

WHEREAS, *Henry “Ed” Drexler was the beloved husband to his late wife, Shirley, and the devoted father of four children –Laura, Mary Jo, Tom, and Dan— as well as a proud grandfather and great grandfather; and*

WHEREAS, *Henry “Ed” Drexler dedicated his life to service, firmly believing that “Love is the willingness to extend oneself for the benefit of another,” a sentiment which he practiced in both words and actions; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Henry “Ed” Drexler who, having lived an exceptional life punctuated by a great many achievements, will be remembered fondly for his profound dedication to cultivating young minds; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to the family of Henry “Ed” Drexler, a remarkable man and an outstanding educator.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Mark A. Borkowski, Khalif J. Rainey, José G. Pérez, Mark Chambers, Jr., Jonathan Brostoff, Robert J. Bauman, Milele A. Coggs, JoCasta Zamarripa, Scott Spiker, and Russell W. Stamper, II., and Marina Dimitrijevic and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 18, 2023.