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Resolution expressing support and recognition for an accomplished man, Joe Bova.

WHEREAS,

JOE BOVA

dedicated a substantial portion of his life to the betterment of his neighborhood as a long-term resident and founding member of the Garden Homes Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, *Joe Bova's efforts led to the addition of the Garden Homes Historic District to the National Registry of Historic Places in the year 1990 and the Wisconsin Registry of Historic Places in 2013; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe Bova who has been a resident of Garden Homes for more than 50 years and was instrumental in founding Uniting Garden Homes in 1999 and the Garden Homes Historic District NID 6 in 2017; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe Bova's diligent efforts in bettering his community included fighting to protect the dilapidated historic homes in the Garden Homes Historic District from being razed, in hopes of having them restored to their original beauty; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe Bova served as both a father-figure and mentor to the children of the neighborhood by organizing field trips, basketball and baseball teams, chess clubs and also put together haunted houses in his backyard; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe Bova is a dedicated father, grandfather, brother and neighbor in the truest sense of the word; and*

WHEREAS, *Joe Bova has demonstrated unwavering dedication to the Garden Homes Neighborhood and Historic District and to the City of Milwaukee; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Joe Bova for his distinguished community engagement and involvement, and expresses its sincerest thanks for his valuable contributions to his neighborhood and the City of Milwaukee; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Joe Bova.*

Introduced by Common Council members Ashanti Hamilton, Cavalier Johnson, Milele A. Coggs, Scott Spiker, Nikiya Dodd, Mark A. Borkowski, Russell W. Stamper, II, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 27, 2021.