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Resolution congratulating Jimmy and Elena Castañeda and family as the 2013 Hispanic Family of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services.

WHEREAS,

JIMMY AND ELENA CASTANEDA AND FAMILY

was selected as the 2013 Hispanic Family of the Year by United Migrant Opportunity Services, and was honored during UMOS' 33rd annual Hispanic Awards Banquet on October 12, 2013 at the Italian Conference Center; and

WHEREAS, *Jimmy and Elena Castañeda and their nine accomplished children are hard-working, talented individuals who work to make a positive impact in their communities and the world as a whole, and they possess a commitment to family, offering love and support to one another and Jimmy and Elena are active members of the Mexican American Political Education Committee, and together they taught traditional Mexican dance; and*

WHEREAS, *Elena Castañeda was one of the first Mexican-Americans born in Racine, Wisconsin and she obtained her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, with a minor in Bilingual Education from Alverno College and obtained a Master's of Science degree in Elementary Education from UW-Whitewater and went on to become the first bilingual administrator to initiate the UW System's bilingual education program and Elena volunteers at the Racine County Zoo, Racine Art and Historical Museums and the Racine County visitors Bureau; and*

WHEREAS, *Jimmy Castañeda served in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of sergeant and was honorably discharged after earning a Purple Heart, and he then pursued a vocational career and was the first Mexican-American to obtain a Tool Room Machinists Journeyman's Card, and he went on to work for the American Motors Company, and wanting to help others achieve he took a three year hiatus to teach Spanish speaking students in Racine how to read blueprints and learn machine operations, and he was also a baseball and basketball coach in Racine and served on the Hispanic Advisory Board for Milwaukee Public Television; and*

WHEREAS, *The UMOS Hispanic Awards honor the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and in 2013, UMOS celebrates 48 years of building better futures for the individuals, families and communities it serves, the Jimmy and Elena Castañeda family is an outstanding example of a family that is making a positive impact on the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Jimmy and Elena Castañeda and family on being selected as the 2013 Hispanic Family of the Year, commends them for their achievement and accomplishments, and wishes for the family a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Jimmy and Elena Castañeda and family.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert W. Puente, Jim Bohl, Terry L. Witkowski, Willie L. Hines, Jr., Milele A. Coggs, Nik Kovac, Tony Zielinski and Robert G. Donovan and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2013.