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Resolution congratulating Father James E. Groppi on receiving a 2017 Southside Organizing Committee Legacy Award.

WHEREAS,

FATHER JAMES E. GROPPi

was honored posthumously as a recipient of the Southside Organizing Committee's Legacy Award at the Retro Ball on October 20, 2017 at The Point, 906 S. Barclay St.; and

WHEREAS, *Father James E. Groppi grew up in Bay View, and after graduating from Bay View High School, he went to seminary to become a Roman Catholic priest; and*

WHEREAS, *Father James E. Groppi serves as an adviser to the Milwaukee Youth Council of the NAACP, and led protests against the segregated Eagles' Club, and led 200 consecutive nights of marches for city and national open housing legislation; and*

WHEREAS, *Father James E. Groppi joined a broad-based coalition of welfare rights activists to protest cuts to the state welfare budget, and after leaving the priesthood and marrying Margaret Rozga, he drove a city bus and was elected president of Local 998 Amalgamated Transit Union; and, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith honors the late Father James E. Groppi on receiving a Legacy Award from the Southside Organizing Committee and commends him for his dedicated service to the community; now, therefore, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Father James E. Groppi.*

Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Chantia Lewis and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 7, 2017.

