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Resolution congratulating Wangard Partners, Inc. on their selection as the 2014 Hispanic Business of the Year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS,

WANGARD PARTNERS, INC.

was selected as the 2014 Hispanic Business of the Year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, and they was honored during HCCW's 24th annual HCCW Gala on January 18, 2014 at the Potawatomi Bingo and Casino Expo Center; and

***WHEREAS,** Wangard Partners, Inc., which is a Milwaukee based real estate development/investment company and management company was founded by Stewart Wangard who is still the CEO and Chairman of the company. Born to a Nicaraguan mother, Stewart serves as a symbol of hope and successful entrepreneurship for people of all cultures by creating a company that is well-respected throughout the region; and*

***WHEREAS,** Wangard has led his company through troubled financial times by seeing his company have substantial growth in recent years. He has always been at the forefront of innovation and that is apparent with his work at the High Pointe Office Center which was the highest rated EPA Energy Star certified building in Wisconsin in 2010 and also has LEED EB Golf Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council; and*

***WHEREAS,** Stewart Wangard and his employees have always had been a leader in the community by giving back through volunteering and donations. He has proven his leadership throughout the years to the community and continues that through his company; and*

***WHEREAS,** The HCCW Gala honors the contributions of Wisconsin Hispanics to their communities, and in 2014, HCCW celebrates 24 years of building better futures for the individuals, families and communities it serves, and Wangard Partners, Inc. is an outstanding example of a business making a positive impact in the lives of others; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Wangard Partners, Inc. on being selected as the 2014 Hispanic Business of the Year, commends them for their achievement and accomplishments, and wishes for them a happy, healthy and successful future; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Wangard Partner, Inc.*

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, Robert G. Donovan, Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton and Joe Dudzik and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 5, 2013.