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Resolution recognizing and congratulating Stella Decker on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS,

STELLA DECKER

celebrated an extraordinary milestone, her 100th birthday, on February 24, 2017, with friends and family at Wilson Commons Community Room, Chopin Building; and

WHEREAS, *Stella was born in Cudahy, Wisconsin to Mary and Stanley Mankowski, the third oldest of 10 children, and she had three brothers and was the oldest of seven sisters, and they all remained very close throughout life, and Stella attended Holy Family grade school in Cudahy, and St. Stanislaus High School when the family moved to Milwaukee; and*

WHEREAS, *On January 9, 1945, Stella married the love of her life, Edward Decker, and a daughter was added to the family in March 1948, and she was later blessed with two beautiful granddaughters who love her dearly; and*

WHEREAS, *Stella worked for more than 50 years and eventually retired from GE Systems as an inspector in 1985; and*

WHEREAS, *Stella's home was always the gathering place for her large family -- the door was always open and she was happiest always having her loving family around her so she could cook and bake for them -- and they never went home hungry and usually went home with leftovers, and everyone looked forward to her delicious cooking and baking, especially her mile high lemon and apple pies, and she fiercely loved her family and was devoted to doing whatever she could for them; and*

WHEREAS, *Stella Decker has made Wilson Commons her home, a place where she has many new friends and where she and her precious little companion dog, Charlie, take walks to Wilson Park four times a day; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Stella Decker on reaching her 100th birthday and extends for her its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Stella Decker in recognition of her 100th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Terry L. Witkowski, Robert J. Bauman, Khalif J. Rainey, Ashanti Hamilton, José G. Pérez, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 1, 2017.