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Resolution recognizing Paul Witkowski on his promotion to Colonel in the United States Army.

WHEREAS,

PAUL WITKOWSKI

was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the US Army during a special ceremony held at the Polish Center of Wisconsin on Sunday, January 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Paul Witkowski, a Milwaukee native, entered active duty in 1990 as an Airborne Infantryman and served with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC; V Corps Long Range Surveillance Company, Darmstadt, Germany; and as Drill Sergeant at Fort Jackson, S.C. before being commissioned through the Officer Candidate School in September 2000; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Paul Witkowski's academic background includes having earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Columbus State University, a Master of Arts in Military History from Austin Peay State University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Paul Witkowski has received numerous awards and recognitions during his service including three Bronze Star Medals, eight Meritorious Service Medals, the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award), Expert Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, placing in the 1999 and 2008 David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition, and being awarded the Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, among others; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Paul Witkowski is married to the former Miss Jennifer Jacobsen of Shorewood, WI, and is a proud father of two adult children, Meghan and Virginia, and is also known as a caring man, wonderful friend and upstanding member of the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Colonel Paul Witkowski on his accomplishment, and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued prosperity and happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Colonel Paul Witkowski.

Introduced by Common Council members Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Cavalier Johnson, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Khalif J. Rainey, Nikiya Dodd, Mark A. Borkowski, Russell W. Stamper, II, and Chantia Lewis and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2022.