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Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Michael J. Cudahy.

WHEREAS,

MICHAEL J. CUDAHY

passed from this life on March 11, 2022 at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, *Michael J. Cudahy was born on March 24, 1924 in Milwaukee, the son of John and Katherine Cudahy, and would become a pillar of the Milwaukee community through his work and philanthropy; and*

WHEREAS, *Michael J. Cudahy formed a partnership with Warren Cozzens in 1951, being manufacturer representatives in high-end electronics, later creating the world's first central electrocardiograph system; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1964, with just \$15,000 in start-up capital and 1,600 square feet of factory space on Milwaukee's North Side, Michael J. Cudahy and Warren Cozzens launched Marquette Electronics, where he developed an EKG system that defined American medicine, and as the company grew, other medical products that changed state of medical art; and*

WHEREAS, *For 35 years, Michael J. Cudahy breathed Marquette Electronics, as it provided an outlet for his passions, and in 1998, he sold Marquette Electronics to General Electric; and*

WHEREAS, *Michael J. Cudahy gave generously to support many schools and universities, including the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Messmer High School, Pius XI High School, Bruce-Guadalupe Community School, and, notably, was the lead donor on the Marquette University Katharine Reed Cudahy Hall, built in 1994, named after his mother, and in 2017 gave \$1 million to support five full scholarships (including room and board) for first generation students attending Marquette University's Opus College of Engineering; and*

WHEREAS, *Michael J. Cudahy provided the funding for the Discovery World Science and Technology Museum – a jewel of Milwaukee's lakefront - and helped underwrite the restoration of the historic Pabst Theater, and through his foundation and personally, he donated millions to the Boys & Girls Clubs, the YMCA, the Milwaukee Art Museum, and many more entities and worthwhile causes; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith offers its sincere condolences to the family of Michael J. Cudahy and mourns the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Michael J. Cudahy*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Cavalier Johnson, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, Mark A. Borkowski, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 22, 2022.