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*Resolution congratulating George Banda on receiving a lifetime achievement award for his service to the nation in uniform and his service to the community.*

**WHEREAS,**

## **GEORGE BANDA**

*was bestowed a lifetime achievement award by Forward Latino on behalf of Milwaukee's Hispanic community at the American GI Forum's Founder's Day Dinner on March 25, 2022; and*

***WHEREAS,** George Banda, the grandson of immigrants from Mexico and a proud Milwaukee native, served as a medic with the 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War where he would care for severely wounded soldiers, suffered his own injuries, and helped save countless lives; and*

***WHEREAS,** George Banda has been recognized for his service with numerous honors including receiving a Silver Star Medal for Gallantry in Action, Bronze Star Medal for Heroism in Ground Combat, Bronze Star for Meritorious Service, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and RVN Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Palm; and*

***WHEREAS,** George Banda notes how his time in Vietnam shaped the later years of his life and he made it his personal mission to advance causes for Veterans and Latinos in the community, which includes helping found the Wisconsin chapter of the American GI Forum, honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action, and creating ways to recognize and honor Hispanic veterans, among other initiatives; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates George Banda for receiving a lifetime achievement award, and extends its appreciation on behalf of the community for his exemplary service and wishes for him health and success in all future endeavors; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to George Banda, an outstanding community leader.*

***Introduced by Common Council members JoCasta Zamarripa, José G. Pérez, Marina Dimitrijevic, Khalif J. Rainey, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Scott Spiker, Chantia Lewis, Russell W. Stamper, II, Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 12, 2022.***