Resolution recognizing and thanking Nelson Soler for his contributions to the Milwaukee small business community.

## WHEREAS,

## **NELSON SOLER**

was recognized for his contributions to the Milwaukee small business community during an event on December 10, 2013 at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St.; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of a Masters in Business Administration and a Masters in International Business and Marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Nelson Soler is also a graduate from the Future Milwaukee Community Leadership Program and the Associates in Commercial Real Estate Program at Marquette University; and

WHEREAS, An innovative entrepreneur who has founded two for-profit and three non-profit organizations, Nelson Soler has utilized his capacities as an educator and an advocate to help facilitate the formation of more than two hundred enterprises in the greater Milwaukee area, touching hundreds of careers and lives in the process; and

WHEREAS, Earning national accolades for his work, Nelson Soler has been the recipient of honors including the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee Entrepreneur of the Year award, UMOS's Hispanic Man of the Year award, the Governor's Excellence Award in Community Action, the United States Chamber of Commerce Chamber Executive of the Year for Region Four and the United States Small Business Administration Minority Business Champion for Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Remaining engaged with his community, Nelson Soler maintains leadership roles in groups including the Latino Entrepreneurial Network of South Eastern Wisconsin, the Multicultural Entrepreneurial Institute, the Milwaukee County Care Management Organization, the Mitchell Street Development Opportunities Corporation, the Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, the African American Chamber and the Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Nelson Soler's contributions to the Milwaukee small business community, thanks him for his tireless efforts and extends its sincere wishes for his continued success; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Nelson Soler.

Introduced by Common Council member José G. Pérez and approved on December 17, 2013 by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council.