

*Resolution recognizing Ramon Cruz for his contributions to the community and to St. Anthony's School and Parish as well as to the Milwaukee Public School system.*

**WHEREAS,**

**RAMON CRUZ**

*was honored on May 16, 2014 by students, faculty and staff of St. Anthony's School and Parish on Ramon Cruz Day; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ramon Cruz grew up in Puerto Rico and began his career as a middle school math and science teacher before enlisting in the United States Army in 1965, and received a Purple Heart Medal of Honor for bravery after serving for just two years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Upon receiving an honorary Discharge from the U.S. Army, he came to Milwaukee to first work in and then manage a credit union for the Hispanic community, and decided to continue his education and became an academic advisor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 1974, Ramon began serving in the Milwaukee Public Schools as a bilingual teacher as well as an Assistant Principal at various schools around Milwaukee, and in 2004 became the Principal at St. Anthony's School and Parish; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Ramon Cruz has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of educators, students and their families in both public and private schools, and Ramon Cruz and Ida, his beloved wife of 45 years, will always remain beloved in the hearts of past and present members of the St. Anthony School and St. Anthony Parish community as well as the greater Milwaukee community and beyond; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith commends Ramon Cruz for his dedication and generosity, thanks him for his contributions to St. Anthony's School and Parish, and the community as a whole, and extends best wishes for him continued success and well-being; and, be it*

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

***Introduced by Common Council members José G. Pérez, Robert W. Puente, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs and Joe Davis, Sr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 22, 2014.***