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Resolution congratulating The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Libraries for receiving the 2015 Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award presented by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress.

## WHEREAS,

## THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE LIBRARIES

was awarded the 2015 Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award by the Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress on November 8, 2015 at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Polish Independence Day/Veterans Day luncheon at the Polish Center of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Libraries has been committed to preserving and digitizing the Roman Kwasniewski Photographic Collection of interwar Milwaukee Polonia, which includes more than 25,000 photographs and is the best and most comprehensive visual historic resource for the study of Polish American urban life in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Libraries house the American Geographic Society (AGS) collection, which includes a number of invaluable historic maps of Poland and many other materials of benefit to students of Poland's history, its geography, its place in European art and culture, and to members of the community interested in genealogy; and

WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Libraries have hosted a long list of memorable exhibits, films, and lectures over the years that focus on important themes and events in Polish history, working in cooperation with the UW-M Polish Studies Committee and Polonia groups; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Libraries on being honored with the Congressman Clement Zablocki Civic Achievement Award from the Wisconsin PAC, recognizes them for their dedication to Polish heritage and wishes for them continued health and happiness; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Libraries.

Introduced by Common Council members Terry L. Witkowski, Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl, Robert G. Donovan, Milele A. Coggs, Robert W. Puente, José G. Pérez, Michael J. Murphy and Mark A. Borkowski, and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on November 2, 2015.