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Resolution congratulating Ada Dziewanowska on the occasion of her 100th birthday, and recognizing her many contributions to Milwaukee.

WHEREAS,

ADA DZIEWANOWSKA

was born in Poland on January 19, 1917, and was honored in recognition of her 100th birthday and for her contributions to Milwaukee during a special Common Council presentation at City Hall on February 7, 2017; and

***WHEREAS,** Ada Dziewanowska was born in Poland where she learned Polish dances and the traditions and celebrations of the Posnania, Pomerania and Kujawy countrysides, and with her writer/historian husband, Kamil, she came to the United States in 1947 and for several years taught Polish conversation at Harvard University; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ada Dziewanowska studied dance at the Boston Conservatory of Music and directed and choreographed for the Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston, and since 1979 Ada has been the artistic director and choreographer of the Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of Milwaukee, which has performed throughout the U. S. and in Poland, Canada and Japan; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ada Dziewanowska also instructs other Polish-American and American ensembles with choreography, singing, music and costuming, and with her son Jas as her partner, she has given numerous workshops throughout the world on Polish dance and folklore and collaborated with him on recordings of Polish dance music, and she has contributed articles on Polish dance and folk customs in various folk dance magazines and Polish-American papers and published a book, *Polish Folk Dances and Songs: A Step-by-Step Guide*, and she has also taught children's games and dances; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ada Dziewanowska continues to research the dances and music of Poland, and has a large collection of Polish folk costumes and folk art, and she has received numerous awards including the Cross of Merit of the Polish Republic signed by President Lech Walesa, a Distinguished Service Certificate from the Polish American Congress and a Preserving Our Legacy award from the National Folk Organization of the USA; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Ada Dziewanowska on her 100th birthday, recognizes her lifelong love and dedication to the preservation of Polish culture, thanks her for her many contributions to art and culture in Milwaukee, and wishes for her health and happiness; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Ada Dziewanowska.*

Introduced by Common Council members Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Tony Zielinski, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, Robert G. Donovan, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson, Jose G. Perez and Khalif J. Rainey and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2017.