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*Resolution expressing condolences to the family and friends of Kenneth F. Yontz, who passed
from this life on November 24, 2016.*

WHEREAS,

KENNETH F. YONTZ

*passed from this life on November 24, 2016 at the age of 72, and a celebration of life was held
for family and friends on January 15, 2017 in Indian Wells, California; and*

***WHEREAS,** Born on July 21, 1944 in Sandusky, Ohio, Kenneth F. Yontz was a
successful businessman and a generous philanthropist who gave generously of his means to help
others and prioritized his family as his first true passion; and*

***WHEREAS,** Originally drawn to the Milwaukee region to serve as an executive with
Allen Bradley Co. in the 1980s, Kenneth F. Yontz and his family developed a fondness for
Milwaukee, and he moved the headquarters of Sybron International Inc. from New Jersey to
Milwaukee in 1988 so that his wife Karen could continue to receive medical treatment at St.
Luke's Medical Center; and*

***WHEREAS,** A renowned businessman, Kenneth F. Yontz oversaw Sybron International
Inc. through a period of massive expansion that included more than 90 acquisitions, a highly-
profitable IPO and a successful split into two companies, and his business interests also included
involvement in Ford Motor Co., Chemetron and Allen Bradley; and*

***WHEREAS,** Following Karen's passing in 1992, Kenneth F. Yontz gave generously to
establish the Karen Yontz Women's Heart Center, and his philanthropy grew to include the
establishment of the Yontz Valor Foundation for wounded military heroes and their families and
his service on a number of charitable boards, including Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, St.
Luke's Medical Center and The Boys and Girls Club of America; and*

***WHEREAS,** Kenneth F. Yontz leaves to cherish his memory his wife, his forever love,
Linda, his daughters Terri and Christine, his son Michael, his stepson Evan, his grandchildren
Zachary, Joshua, Matthew, Andrew, Lauren, Wyatt and Casey and his great-granddaughter,
Nora; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its
condolences to the family and friends of Kenneth F. Yontz, recognizes his lasting legacy to the
city and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented
to the family of Kenneth F. Yontz.*

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on January 18, 2017.