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Resolution congratulating Erica Breitbarth on her placement as a finalist for a 2017 Grammy Music Educator award.

WHEREAS,

ERICA BREITBARTH

was named as a finalist for a 2017 Grammy Music Educator Award by the Grammy Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Erica Breitbarth, a choir director at Ronald Wilson Regan High School, began working with band director Adam Murphy in 2009 to build a music program from scratch; and

WHEREAS, Erica Breitbarth oversaw rapid growth in the music program, with more than 400 of the school's 1300 students now involved in a music class or club and an increasing number of graduates pursuing careers in music and music education; and

WHEREAS, Erica Breitbarth has worked tirelessly to develop partnerships with local musicians and the Zilber Family Foundation, the Florentine Opera, the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra and other organizations to provide Reagan students with musical training and resources; and

WHEREAS, Erica Breitbarth is committed to bringing together students of different backgrounds through music and fostering their artistic and personal growth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Erica Breitbarth on her placement as a 2017 Grammy Music Educator Award finalist and her accomplishments as a choir director, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community and wishes her continued success and happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented Erica Breitbarth, an outstanding educator.

Introduced by Common Council members Terry L. Witkowski, Jim Bohl, Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Ashanti Hamilton, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 28, 2017.