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Resolution recognizing Mark Pienkos for being named Polish American of the Year by the Milwaukee Society.

WHEREAS,

DR. MARK PIENKOS

was named Polish American of the Year by the Milwaukee Society, Polish National Alliance Lodge 2159; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Pienkos received his Doctorate in Education from the University of Southern California specializing in Educational Leadership, and applied his knowledge throughout his career, working as a teacher, counselor, principal, professor, superintendent, and author; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Pienkos was elected in 1976 as the 1st District Alderman for the City of Muskego and was re-elected in 1978, and served as chairman of numerous democratic parties including the Marinette County Democratic Party, the City of Wauwatosa Democratic Party, Walworth County Democratic Party, Wisconsin's First Congressional District Democratic Party, and President of the City of Lake Geneva Police & Fire Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Pienkos and his family have a strong connection to their Polish heritage, and are all members of the Polish National Alliance, and Mark has served as the elected Director of Lodge 2159 of the Milwaukee Society, he has been an officer for the Wisconsin Division of the Polish American Congress, and served as Recording Secretary, Vice President, and President, and he was elected as the National Polish American Congress Vice President for Public Relations, and he was requested by the Consul General from the Republic of Poland in Chicago to secure sites in Wisconsin to display the Jan Karski exhibit with his wife Ann and son, Stephen, he was awarded the Cavalier's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, and was the recipient of the Milwaukee Pulaski Council's Polish Heritage Award; and

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Dr. Mark Pienkos on receiving the Polish American of the Year and commends him for his dedicated service to the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Mark Pienkos.

Introduced by Common Council members Terry L. Witkowski, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 26, 2017.