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Resolution congratulating Gary Grunau on receiving the Global Award of Excellence from the Urban Land Institute in recognition of the Milwaukee RiverWalk.

WHEREAS,

GARY GRUNAU

played an integral part in the creation and development of the Milwaukee RiverWalk which was recently awarded the Global Award of Excellence from the Urban Land Institute and a celebration was held at Schlitz Park on March 22, 2018; and

***WHEREAS,** Gary Grunau, a lifelong Milwaukeean, has served his community as the chair of the Milwaukee Riverwalk District, creating numerous other development projects including the Schlitz Park office complex and the Hyatt Regency hotel, as well as serving on the Milwaukee Academy of Science Board of Directors as chairman; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gary Grunau took charge of the Milwaukee RiverWalk development project more than 25 years ago, handling a \$52 million capital investment in to the RiverWalk, and envisioning a plan that would entice both local businesses and visitors to Milwaukee's downtown; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gary Grunau worked tirelessly to bring his vision to life, and the Milwaukee Riverwalk was finally completed in 1993 with three miles of pedestrian walkway alongside the Milwaukee River which has served as a catalyst for further city development by increasing nearby property values by more than \$1 billion and has become a landmark within the City of Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Urban Institute has recognized the Milwaukee RiverWalk and Gary Grunau's dedication to the project with the Global Award of Excellence, the first global award a Wisconsin project has ever received, for increasing public accessibility to the Milwaukee River while utilizing innovative techniques to bring urban development to Milwaukee's downtown; now therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Gary Grunau on achieving the Global Award of Excellence, which is awarded to just 13 development projects globally, recognizes his many contributions to the development of Milwaukee, and wishes him continued success and prosperity; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Gary Grunau.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Terry L. Witkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Jim Bohl, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, and Cavalier Johnson and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on March 27, 2018.