BY ALDS. MURPHY, HAMILTON, COGGS, STAMPER, BORKOWSKI, WITKOWSKI, PÉREZ, LEWIS, RAINY, JOHNSON

Resolution recognizing and congratulating Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr. on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

WHEREAS,

RICHARD ANDREW SCHMIDT, SR.

celebrated an extraordinary milestone, his 80th birthday on July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr. was born July 1, 1938 to George and Margaret Schmidt in Devil's Lake, North Dakota and then moved to Milwaukee at the age of four and was immediately introduced to the kindness of the city when finding himself lost leaving a penny candy store in his first week and a Milwaukee police officer drove him for hours until they found his new home; and

WHEREAS, Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr. graduated from St. John's Cathedral High School in 1956 and joined the Air Force Reserves while attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Business, where he served as prom king in 1960, and where he also graduated in 1961 and was recalled into the Air Force to serve our country in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr. married the love of his life, Sandra in 1963 and he began his career with the Otto L. Kuehn Company in 1963 as an entry level salesman, and among his many awards and accomplishments, he organized and established the Second Harvest Food Bank of Milwaukee which has now served those less fortunate for decades, and in 1990 he was named President and CEO of the Otto L. Kuehn Company and later went on to form an additional company, Summit Food Service and continued to grow both businesses exponentially; and

WHEREAS, Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr. enjoys visiting his four children and 11 grandchildren with his wife, and they have traveled extensively to more than 30 countries covering every continent, and his love of art, theater, literature, history and sports has led him to countless museums, tours, safaris and golf courses around the world; and

WHEREAS, Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr.'s compassion for others has led him and his wife to support the Santismo Sacramento parish in Lima, Peru with their time, effort and philanthropic contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr. on reaching his 80th birthday and extends for him its sincere wishes for continued health and happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Richard Andrew Schmidt, Sr. in recognition of his 80th birthday.

Introduced by Common Council members Michael J. Murphy, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, 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 July 10, 2018.