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Resolution congratulating Stars and Stripes Honor Flight on its 100th mission and 10th anniversary.

WHEREAS,

STARS & STRIPES HONOR FLIGHT

celebrated its 100th flight and 10th anniversary of humbly serving United States military veterans during November 2018; and

WHEREAS, The National Honor Flight Network was born when Earl Morse, a Veterans Association Physician Assistant and retired Air Force Captain, offered World War II veterans the chance to travel free of charge to Washington, D.C. and experience the World War II Memorial, opened in 2004 in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by his father, Navy hero David Dean, and Earl Morse's initiative, founder Joe Dean started Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Inc. in 2008 in Southeast Wisconsin to ensure that those who have valiantly served this country are able to witness the monuments that honor their service in the Nation's Capital; and

WHEREAS, After 10 years of giving back to those who have served, Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Inc. has flown more than 6,000 veterans to Washington, D.C. in more than 100 flights, allowing veterans to have the incredible experience to see these remarkable memorials while spending time with fellow veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and congratulates Stars and Stripes Honor Flight on its 10th anniversary, and its invaluable impact on United States military veterans and offers sincere wishes for its continued success and prosperity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Inc.

Introduced by Common Council members Terry L. Witkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, 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 December 18, 2018.