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Resolution recognizing and congratulating Chester Grobschmidt on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS,

CHESTER GROBSCHMIDT

celebrated his 100th birthday on June 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, *Chester Grobschmidt was born in the Town of Lake on June 8, 1920 and moved to South Milwaukee in 1926, where he went to St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from South Milwaukee High School; and*

WHEREAS, *Chester Grobschmidt proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy in World War II (1942-1946), stationed in New Guinea – Admiralty Islands, and was discharged as a 2nd Class Metalsmith, and during his life he has been a devoted member of all of the Veterans Organizations (and was able to be honored by the Honor Flight to Washington D.C.); and*

WHEREAS, *During his working years – which started in 1938 when he was peddling the Shopping News – Chester worked at Bucyrus Erie as a template maker from 1942 through his retirement in 1983; and*

WHEREAS, *Chester married Leone Repech in January 1948 (during the Blizzard of '48), she passed away in September 1982, and in 1992, he married Lorraine Schweitzer and he is the proud father of former (Late) Wisconsin State Senator Richard Grobschmidt and Karen (Grobschmidt) Southerlin; and*

WHEREAS, *Chester Grobschmidt served as Mayor of South Milwaukee from 1966-1994, after first serving as alderperson for the 4th District for 9 years, and during his tenure he was involved in the Streetscaping Committee, War Memorial, and many other improvements for the city, and the South Milwaukee Senior Center was renamed the Grobschmidt Senior Center in 1994 upon his retirement as Mayor, to honor his contributions to the city and his dedication to South Milwaukee's quality of life; and*

WHEREAS, *Chester Grobschmidt is a longtime resident of Meadowmere Assisted Living in Oak Creek where he is beloved by his fellow residents and where he hosts monthly "Chet Chats" where he interviews guests and discusses topics of interest to his fellow residents; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Chester Grobschmidt on reaching his 100th 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 Chester Grobschmidt in recognition of his 100th birthday.*

Introduced by Common Council members Mark A. Borkowski, Milele A. Coggs, Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Scott Spiker, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 27, 2020.