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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ZEPNICK & ZAMARRIPA HONOR HOMETOWN HEROES

MADISON – Today, State Representative Josh Zepnick (D-Milwaukee) and JoCasta Zamarripa (D-Milwaukee) presented Milwaukee Police Detective Alexander Ayala and Officer Jose Acevedo with the Hometown Heroes Award at today’s convening of the Wisconsin State Assembly. This honor is awarded to compassionate community members who unconditionally lend a hand whenever needed.

In the summer of 2016, Officers Ayala and Acevedo worked together in a search and rescue for a six-year-old boy with autism, who had become separated from his parents while attending a Brewers game at Miller Park. The Officers were off-duty at the time, when they found the boy struggling to stay above water in the Menomonee River and responded so quickly and effectively that no medical attention was needed.

“These officers demonstrated exemplary bravery,” Zepnick said. “Without their help, the situation could have ended much differently. Their commitment to protecting the community, both on and off duty, makes Milwaukee a better place. Each and every day MPD Officers display courage in the face of tough and dangerous circumstances and we thank them for their service.”

Ayala has been a part of the Milwaukee Police Department for over fifteen years and was promoted to Detective in 2015. Acevedo has served with the force since 2008 and currently works as the Community Liaison Officer at District 2.

In addition to working at the MPD Detective Ayala, is the President and Officer Acevedo the Vice-President of the National Latino Peace Officers Association representing the Milwaukee Chapter.