



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 22

April 4, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives CLARK, MARKLEIN, KESSLER, STRACHOTA, HINTZ, BROOKS, RICHARDS, A. OTT, HEBL, PETERSEN, SEIDEL, RIVARD, DANOU, TRANEL, RADCLIFFE, SPANBAUER and ZIEGELBAUER, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Steven J. Hilgenberg.

2 Whereas, former Representative Steve Hilgenberg was born on November 26,
3 1944, in Appleton, Wisconsin, and lived in rural Iowa County since 1972, and died
4 on March 27, 2011; and

5 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg attended the University of Wisconsin–Madison
6 before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1966, during which time he was stationed in
7 Germany for three years; and

8 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg, after receiving a diploma in graphic arts and
9 printing from Madison Area Technical College in 1973, thereafter served the
10 community for 27 years as owner of Inkwell Printers; and

11 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg served on the Dodgeville School Board for seven
12 years and was a community representative for the Head Start Policy Council for
13 three years; and

14 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg served as a Democratic state representative for the
15 51st Assembly District from 2006–2010. As a state representative, he served as chair

1 of the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs (2009–2010),
2 vice-chair of the Assembly Committee on Renewable Energy and Rural Affairs
3 (2009–2010), and served as a member of the Assembly Committees on Insurance
4 (2007–2008), Rural Economic Development (2007–2008), Small Business
5 (2007–2008), Education (2009–2010), and Tourism, Recreation, and State Properties
6 (2009–2010); and

7 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg promoted impartial justice by championing
8 legislation that created public financing for supreme court elections in 2009; and

9 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg strongly supported renewable energy and rural
10 economic development by promoting renewable energy investment on farms and in
11 rural communities; and

12 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg demonstrated true leadership and dedication to
13 veterans by improving access to education, employment, and health care
14 opportunities as the chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military
15 Affairs; and

16 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg was a staunch advocate for the advancement of our
17 public schools and greater equitability in Wisconsin's school funding, so that each
18 and every child would receive an exceptional educational experience; and

19 Whereas, Steve Hilgenberg was husband to Mary Mayo, father to Molly Herr
20 and her husband, Mark, and grandfather to Evan and Carson Herr; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
23 Wisconsin state legislature hereby commend the exemplary life of Steven
24 Hilgenberg, express their sorrow at his death, and extend sincere condolences to
25 family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it further

