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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

March 30, 2017 - Introduced by Senator STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives R. BROOKS, KREMER and GANNON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Donald K. Stitt.

2 Whereas, former state legislator Donald K. Stitt was born on November 26,
3 1944, and died on September 16, 2014; and

4 Whereas, Donald Stitt was born in Milwaukee, the son of Norman and Nancy,
5 graduated from Whitefish Bay High School, earned his bachelor's degree in political
6 science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and received law degrees from
7 Marquette University and Georgetown Law School; and

8 Whereas, Donald Stitt served as a state legislator from 1979 to 1993, first as
9 a representative for the 60th Assembly District until 1984, and then as Senator for
10 the 20th Senate District, representing Port Washington and most of Ozaukee
11 County, along with parts of Washington, Dodge, Fond du Lac, and Sheboygan
12 Counties; and

13 Whereas, Donald Stitt served on the Joint Committee on Finance as a member
14 of both the Assembly and the Senate, becoming vice chairman of the committee in
15 1993; and

1 Whereas, Donald Stitt took a lead in reforming state securities laws during his
2 tenure and earned a reputation for promoting economic development in Wisconsin;
3 and

4 Whereas, Donald Stitt described himself as an "individualist" and subscribed
5 to the concept of the citizen legislator who served his state and then returned to
6 private work; and

7 Whereas, Donald Stitt served as the State Chairman of the Republican Party
8 from 1988 to 1989; and

9 Whereas, Donald Stitt grew up along Lake Michigan and had a passion for
10 sailing, was an avid hunter, and traveled extensively; and

11 Whereas, Donald was husband to Mary, father to Jonathan, Sarah, Lindsay,
12 and Heidi, and grandfather to Patrick, Ryan, Adelaide, Lauren, Pierce, Michael, and
13 William; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature salute Donald K. Stitt's public service and mourn his passing;
16 and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
18 resolution to his wife Mary and his children Jonathan, Sarah, Lindsay, and Heidi.

19 (END)