



2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

January 15, 2016 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, ERPENBACH, NASS, LASEE, COWLES, L. TAYLOR, OLSEN, PETROWSKI, MILLER, WIRCH, WANGGAARD, LASSA and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives SUBECK, HESSELBEIN, KAHL, MILROY, SARGENT, OHNSTAD, HEBL, KESSLER, BERCEAU and JACQUE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Rodney Warren Kreunen.

2 Whereas, Rodney Kreunen served honorably and effectively as the State
3 Commissioner of Railroads from 1996 to 2008, bringing to his office a passion for
4 railroading and a determination to keep Wisconsin rail crossings safe; and

5 Whereas, "Uncle Rodney" carried his enthusiasm wherever he went, tirelessly
6 promoting passenger rail, raising the visibility of his office, and preaching the
7 importance of its safety mission; and

8 Whereas, Rodney Kreunen was raised in Whitefish Bay but lived in Madison
9 and practiced the art of not letting political differences interfere with his friendships;
10 and

11 Whereas, Rodney Kreunen, who had sold and ridden motorcycles, sailed on
12 iceboats, and ridden trains around the world, embarked on his final journey on
13 October 8, 2015, at age 79; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the Wisconsin
15 legislature extends its condolences to Rodney's wife, Annette; his son, Pieter; and his

1 daughter, Julie; and invites Wisconsin residents to honor Rodney Kreunen as a
2 worthy public servant who made a difference and kept his friends; and, be it further

3 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
4 resolution to Rodney's wife, Annette; his son, Pieter; and his daughter, Julie.

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