

2001 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Jim Besson, mayor of Greenfield.

2 Whereas, Jim Besson served as the only mayor of Greenfield ever elected to 4
3 terms; and

4 Whereas, his accomplishments include oversight of the construction of a new
5 city hall; and

6 Whereas, Jim was instrumental in the development of parks in Greenfield,
7 including development of the city's largest park — Konkol Park, along with the
8 creation of Dan Jansen Park to honor the Greenfield resident and Olympic gold
9 medallist speed skater and assisting with a public/private partnership with
10 Milwaukee County to develop Alan Kulwicki Park honoring the Greenfield resident
11 and Winston Cup champion; and

12 Whereas, Jim was a strong supporter of the Greenfield DARE program, helping
13 to solidly establish the program in Greenfield schools, along with facilitating the
14 creation of the Greenfield police canine program; and

1 Whereas, Jim accomplished all of this while serving as a part-time mayor in
2 a city of over 30,000 simultaneously with owning and operating Besson Auto Body
3 in West Allis for 30 years; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
5 memorialize Jim Besson for his tireless contributions to the city of Greenfield and
6 the state of Wisconsin; and, be it further

7 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
8 to Mr. Besson’s family.

9 **(END)**