



2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

December 27, 2001 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, A. LASEE, WELCH, BURKE, PANZER, LAZICH and ROSENZWEIG, cosponsored by Representatives AINSWORTH, MEYERHOFER, BOYLE, HAHN, JESKEWITZ, OWENS, PETROWSKI, J. LEHMAN, BIES, URBAN and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Frederick F. Kaftan.

2 Whereas, Frederick F. Kaftan was born on August 25, 1916, in Green Bay,
3 Wisconsin, and died on November 9, 2001; and

4 Whereas, Mr. Kaftan graduated from the Green Bay public schools and entered
5 the University of Wisconsin where he earned a LL.B in 1940 from the law school and
6 was awarded the Order of the Coif for academic achievement; and

7 Whereas, during his time at the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Kaftan was also
8 a Big Ten fencing champion for 2 years; and

9 Whereas, on November 18, 1938, he was united in marriage to Virginia Kelly;
10 and

11 Whereas, Mr. Kaftan served his country as a lieutenant with the Pacific Fleet
12 in the U.S. navy during World War II; and

13 Whereas, after World War II, Mr. Kaftan practiced law for 40 years in the Green
14 Bay area with his father and brothers as part of the Kaftan Law Firm; and

1 Whereas, Mr. Kaftan was elected to the Wisconsin senate in 1948 and served
2 in the 1949 and 1951 sessions; and

3 Whereas, he was a member of the committee on judiciary while serving in the
4 senate; and

5 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, he was involved with
6 environmental issues, particularly those pertaining to the Fox and Wolf rivers; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
9 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Frederick F. Kaftan
10 contributed to this state, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their
11 condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

12 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
13 resolution to Mr. Kaftan's daughters, Mary (Richard) Zellner, Evergreen, Colorado,
14 Patricia (David) Wouters, Ledgeview, Wisconsin, and Colleen (Peter Fitts) Kaftan,
15 Providence, Rhode Island; his sons, William (Sandra) Kaftan, Riverside, California,
16 and John (Georgia) Kaftan, Ledgeview, Wisconsin; his brother, Arthur Kaftan, De
17 Pere, Wisconsin; and his sister, Elizabeth Muench-Kirschling, Madison, Wisconsin.

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