

## 2003 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 14

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Gregory Blaska.

2             Whereas, Gregory D. Blaska was born on May 26, 1925, in the town of Sun  
3     Prairie, the son of John and Rose Blaska, and died Thursday, March 6, 2003; and

4             Whereas, Mr. Blaska married Laura Klein of Waunakee on September 11, 1948,  
5     and together they raised 4 children; and

6             Whereas, Mr. Blaska was given honorary recognition by the University of  
7     Wisconsin–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in 1979, and named  
8     Master Agriculturalist in 1982; and

9             Whereas, Gregory Blaska was a member of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary  
10    Catholic Church and served on the committee for the school's endowment fund; and

11            Whereas, he was a charter member of the Sun Prairie Rotary Club and in 1982  
12    was named a Paul Harris Fellow — the highest honor bestowed by Rotary  
13    International; and

14            Whereas, Mr. Blaska was elected to the Sun Prairie School Board and served  
15    as its president; and

1           Whereas, Gregory Blaska was presently serving as state court trustee for the  
2 Catholic Order of Foresters; and

3           Whereas, Mr. Blaska worked tirelessly to improve the efficiency and  
4 effectiveness of farm cooperatives both locally and nationally; and

5           Whereas, Gregory Blaska was affiliated with the Dairyland Co-op, Pure Milk  
6 Association, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., Morning Glory Dairy, and Foremost  
7 Farms, in addition to serving as director to the National Milk Producers  
8 Organization and chairman of the World Dairy Expo for 31 years; and

9           Whereas, throughout his life Gregory Blaska's leadership and advocacy were  
10 instrumental in a wide array of civic and agricultural organizations; now, therefore,  
11 be it

12           ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly  
13 commend the devoted public service that Gregory D. Blaska contributed to this state  
14 and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences  
15 to his family and friends; and, be it further

16           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution  
17 to Gregory's wife, Laura Blaska of Sun Prairie, and his children, John Blaska of  
18 Marshall, Jeffrey Blaska of DeForest, Margaret Howe of Rochester, New York, and  
19 Barry Blaska of Madison.

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