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2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 75

September 25, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Parisi, Vruwink, Berceau, Black, Davis, Hebl, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Roys and Ripp, cosponsored by Senators Miller, Erpenbach and Risser, Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: the life and public service of John Stanley.

Whereas, Dane County Coroner John Stanley passed away suddenly at his DeForest home on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at the age of 63; and

Whereas, John Stanley earned the rank of sergeant-combat engineer in the United States Marine Corps and served three tours of duty in Vietnam, an experience he called life-changing and responsible for making him the man he became; and

Whereas, John Stanley had a distinguished career as a public servant in Dane County including serving as sergeant and juvenile officer with the McFarland Police Department, detective with the Dane County Sheriff's Office, security supervisor and director of emergency medical services training at St. Mary's Hospital, and firefighter and emergency medical technician for the town of Madison; and

Whereas, John Stanley began his career in the Dane County Coroner's office in 1991 when he was hired as deputy coroner, and he served as coroner from 2001 to 2009; and

Whereas, John Stanley's knowledge, skill, and experience were often requested by area communities and state organizations, including Rock County which needed assistance in setting up its coroner's office, the Wisconsin Coroners and Medical Examiners Association for which he served as chairman of the legislative committee, and the Pathology Department at UW–Madison; and

Whereas, John Stanley was highly regarded as a compassionate and caring man who took his position as coroner and public servant very seriously, making himself available at all times of the day, every day of the week, and offering support and comfort to victims and to families after the loss of a loved one; and

Whereas, while John Stanley managed the county coroner's office in one of our state's largest cities, he was a farmer at heart who loved and cherished the natural beauty of Wisconsin where he hunted, fished, hiked and spent hours in the peace and quiet of the woods; and

Whereas, John Stanley was more than a boss—he was a friend—to his staff in the corner's office and everyone who worked closely with him; and

Whereas, John Stanley recognized the importance of family, treasuring the time he spent with his wife, Theone, and the years they spent together raising their children, Nickie, Theone, and John, and he looked forward to visits from his grandchildren, Michael, Katie, Emily, and Mason, and great–grandson, Gavin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin recognizes the dedication, commitment, and public service made by John Stanley to the citizens of Dane County and offers its sincere sympathies to John Stanley's family.