



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 92

January 19, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives PASCH, C. TAYLOR, SPANBAUER, BERCEAU, RICHARDS, JORGENSEN, MOLEPSKE JR, KESSLER, FIELDS, TURNER and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators C. LARSON and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Nathan A. Fishbach.

2 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach was born on November 3, 1952, in Trenton, New
3 Jersey, grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and died on September 17, 2011, at the
4 age of 58; and

5 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach earned his undergraduate degree, Phi Beta
6 Kappa, from George Washington University in 1974, and his law degree from
7 Villanova University Law School in 1978; and

8 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach married Susan Stolzer and they moved to the
9 state of Wisconsin after law school, where they had three sons: Jeffrey, Brian, and
10 Michael; and

11 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the
12 Eastern District of Wisconsin for 13 years, under presidents of both parties, where
13 he held a variety of posts, including Interim U.S. Attorney, Deputy U.S. Attorney, and
14 Civil Division Chief, and focused the majority of his work on the prosecution of
15 complex financial cases, serving with tremendous skill and dedication; and

1 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach entered the private practice of law with Whyte
2 Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., where he focused his practice for the next 18 years on
3 complex civil and white-collar litigation, and represented corporations, government
4 entities, and professionals in compliance matters; and

5 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach was a cofounder and past president of the
6 Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association and a past president of the Milwaukee
7 Bar Association; and

8 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach's leadership also included chairing the
9 Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Committee-Eastern District of Wisconsin; and the
10 State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors; serving on ALFA International's Board
11 of Directors; cochairing the Milwaukee Bar Association's Sesquicentennial Steering
12 Committee; serving on the Federal Nominating Commission- Wisconsin; Sen. Herb
13 Kohl's Advisory Committee on Supreme Court Nominations; Committee on Pattern
14 Criminal Jury Instructions for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit;
15 Project Safe Neighborhoods Competitive Grant Program Committee; Advisory
16 Committee on Seventh Circuit Rules; and service on his own law firm's Board of
17 Directors; and

18 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach's commitment to the future of the legal
19 profession was represented by his service on Marquette University Law School's
20 Advisory Board, with frequent presentations in classes to support the next
21 generation of lawyers; and championing a comprehensive internal training program
22 for younger lawyers at his firm to help advance their professional development as
23 skilled lawyers dedicated to ethical client service; and

24 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach's legacy is memorialized in the Nathan Fishbach
25 Student Development Fund at Marquette University Law School, a fund established

1 by his partners and friends as a lasting tribute, which will enable the school to bring
2 in speakers whose experiences and guidance will help future law students gain a
3 deeper understanding of the legal profession; and

4 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach shared his broad legal knowledge through
5 countless articles, presentations, and books, including *Federal Criminal Restitution*;
6 and coauthor of *Wisconsin Methods of Practice* (4th edition); and

7 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach's productivity, wisdom, and numerous
8 professional achievements earned him dozens of honors and distinctions such as the
9 Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association's Judge Myron L. Gordon Lifetime
10 Achievement Award; Wisconsin Law Journal's Leader in the Law Award; Milwaukee
11 Bar Association's Lawyer of the Year Award, and regular appearances in *Chambers*
12 *USA*, *Best Lawyers* and *Super Lawyers* (Wisconsin Top 50); and American Inns of
13 Court 2011 Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit; and

14 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach's vision and commitment to serving his
15 community included successful terms as chair of Jewish Family Services and
16 president of the Nicolet High School Foundation; and

17 Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach's vibrant spirit, good humor, and unyielding
18 dedication to his clients, his colleagues, the legal profession, and the community
19 serve as an inspiration to the many lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

20 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
21 Wisconsin legislature commend the life and service of Nathan A. Fishbach, mourn
22 his passing, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
24 resolution to Nathan A. Fishbach's wife, Susan, and their family.

25 (END)