2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 92


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

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

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

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

Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach served in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for 13 years, under presidents of both parties, where he held a variety of posts, including Interim U.S. Attorney, Deputy U.S. Attorney, and Civil Division Chief, and focused the majority of his work on the prosecution of complex financial cases, serving with tremendous skill and dedication; and
Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach entered the private practice of law with Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., where he focused his practice for the next 18 years on complex civil and white-collar litigation, and represented corporations, government entities, and professionals in compliance matters; and

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

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

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

Whereas, Nathan A. Fishbach’s legacy is memorialized in the Nathan Fishbach Student Development Fund at Marquette University Law School, a fund established
by his partners and friends as a lasting tribute, which will enable the school to bring
in speakers whose experiences and guidance will help future law students gain a
deep understanding of the legal profession; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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