



2015 SENATE RESOLUTION 11

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Rosemary Hinkfuss.

2 Whereas, Rosemary T. Hinkfuss was born on September 30, 1931, in Lima,
3 Ohio, and died on March 2, 2016; and

4 Whereas, Rosemary graduated from St. John's High School before earning a
5 bachelor's degree in 1954 from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin;
6 and

7 Whereas, Rosemary met her future husband, Bill, when he came to Cardinal
8 Stritch with a delegation from St. Norbert College and they were married on
9 September 24, 1957, at St. John Catholic Church in Lima, Ohio; and

10 Whereas, following Bill's graduation from Georgetown Law School, they
11 relocated to Green Bay, Wisconsin; and

12 Whereas, along with raising six children, Rosemary also became involved in
13 politics and helped to organize a reception in Green Bay for presidential candidate
14 John Fitzgerald Kennedy and his wife Jacqueline in 1960; and

1 Whereas, Rosemary then volunteered for several other candidates before
2 running her own successful campaign in 1974 for the Green Bay City Council and
3 Brown County Board of Supervisors, where she served until 1982; and

4 Whereas, Rosemary reentered the political arena in 1988 by winning the seat
5 for the 88th Assembly District, which she held until 1994; and

6 Whereas, in addition to holding political office, Rosemary served on a number
7 of boards and in 1980 was the first female named to the Green Bay Packers Board
8 of Directors, serving in that role until 2001, when she became a Director Emeritus;
9 and

10 Whereas, in addition to public service, Rosemary's other passions were reading
11 and the card game bridge, which she enjoyed playing with family and friends and in
12 tournaments around the country, and her skill allowed her to achieve the status of
13 Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League; and

14 Whereas, Rosemary donated much of her time to helping others, but her main
15 focus was always on her family, and she was a loving and supportive mother,
16 grandmother, and wife; and

17 Whereas, Rosemary positively affected the lives of countless individuals
18 throughout her many years of service to her community, and in 2014 the Brown
19 County Democratic Party honored her with their Lifetime Achievement Award; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** the members of the Wisconsin senate, on the
22 motion of Senator Dave Hansen, do hereby celebrate the remarkable life of Rosemary
23 T. Hinkfuss and extend our deepest sympathies to her family and friends; and, be it
24 further

