February 16, 2016 – Introduced by Representative BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senator DARLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: congratulating First Lady Tonette Walker and the Fostering Futures Steering Committee.

Whereas, Fostering Futures strives to provide focus on improving the lives of children, especially those in foster care, by sharing the concept of trauma-informed care; and

Whereas, educating government officials on the science of early-brain development and the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences has been a priority of Fostering Futures; and

Whereas, significant progress in this area can be made by promoting a comprehensive approach that aligns the work of all three branches of government: executive, legislative, and judicial; and

Whereas, Fostering Futures is promoting opportunities and offering recommendations to translate the science of trauma-informed care into practice for children and families in Wisconsin; and
Whereas, the Wisconsin state legislature hereby acknowledges the role of
Wisconsin private sector partners SET Ministries, Medical College of Wisconsin, and
SaintA; and

Whereas, it is with gratitude we recognize Casey Family Programs for its
support, consultation, and funding that have provided structure, expertise, and
encouragement in this endeavor; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** it is proper to
acknowledge the role of Wisconsin First Lady Tonette Walker for her sincere interest
and initiative in being a champion for the children of Wisconsin through the
collaborative efforts of Fostering Futures. Because of this work, Wisconsin is
recognized as a foster care leader in the United States, and the legislature will strive
to support her continued efforts.

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