Relating to: the life and public service of Representative Thomas Archer Lothian.

Whereas, former representative to the Wisconsin Assembly Thomas Archer Lothian was born on December 14, 1928, and passed away on May 14, 2015; and

Whereas, Thomas Archer Lothian, known as Tom, was born in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian met his wife of 49 years, Carol Ann Vichek Lothian, at his alma mater, and the two were married on April 20, 1957, in Bedford, Ohio; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian worked for more than 30 years as a professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and served as the dean of students; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian served for four terms in the assembly, representing the 32nd Assembly District; and
Whereas, Thomas Lothian served his community as a Williams Bay village trustee and a Walworth County board member, and was a past president of the Wisconsin Counties Association; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian was a philanthropist, working with groups including the Medinah Shriners, the Scottish Rite of the Masons, and the Williams Bay Lions Club of which he served as president; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian loved the water and was an active member of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, served as the commodore of the school during its centennial, and was a member of the board of directors of the Geneva Lake Sailing School; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian was an active member of the United Church of Christ in Williams Bay and served as a deacon; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian was described as the gentle giant, a statesman, and a gentleman by those who knew him; and

Whereas, Thomas Lothian was the beloved husband to Carol Ann Vichek Lothian, father to two sons, grandfather to four loving granddaughters, and brother to David Lothian; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature salutes Thomas Archer Lothian’s public service and mourns his passing; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Thomas Lothian’s children, Tom and Jack.