2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 17


Relating to: the life and public service of Richard A. Grobschmidt.

Whereas, Richard A. Grobschmidt was born on May 3, 1948, and died on July 23, 2016; and

Whereas, Richard A. Grobschmidt, scion of a family long dedicated to public service, similarly devoted his life to the betterment of the city of South Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, after graduating from South Milwaukee High School in 1966 and obtaining his Bachelors of Science degree in Secondary Education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1972, he returned to South Milwaukee High as a teacher; and

Whereas, Grobschmidt obtained his Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1979; and

Whereas, his interest in public affairs and public service led him to successfully seek election to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1984, where he was a member of the
Education Committee from 1985 to 1995, serving as chairperson during the 1993
session, and the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care; and

Whereas, Grobschmidt was elected to the Wisconsin Senate in a special election
in November 1995, serving on the Senate Education Committee from 1996 to 2003,
and as chairperson of that committee from 1999 to 2003; and

Whereas, he was known in his many years in the legislature as a consensus
builder, a bipartisan worker, and a tireless servant to this constituents; now,
therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin Legislature salute Richard A. Grobschmidt, acknowledge his tremendous
record of public service, and mourn his passing; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
to Richard Grobschmidt’s wife of 47 years, Barbara, to his father, Chester, and to his
daughter, Tamara.

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