November 9, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives BOWEN, KESSLER, HEBL, GOYKE, YOUNG, BROSTOFF, MILROY, SINICKI, ANDERSON, BERCEAU and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, WIRCH, RINGHARD and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing Reggie Jackson, one of the recipients of the 2017 Frank P. Zeidler Public Service award.

Whereas, Reggie Jackson grew up in Milwaukee and earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Concordia University; and

Whereas, he served as an electrician in the U.S. Navy for six years and worked as a special education teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools for eight years; and

Whereas, for over 15 years, Reggie Jackson has volunteered at America’s Black Holocaust Museum and now serves as the lead docent, a position officially known as Head Griot, a term used to describe a West African leader who is part historian, part storyteller, and part social commentator; and

Whereas, Reggie Jackson has played a vital role in expanding the museum’s vision by creating an online platform and publishing house and scheduling speakers and public programming to create interracial dialogue and a valuable educational experience; and
Whereas, he is an accomplished writer and a highly sought-after public
speaker concerning race relations, equal rights, and black history; and

Whereas, in addition, Reggie Jackson provides diversity training for employers
throughout the Midwest, sits on multiple local nonprofit boards, and works as an
Educational Liaison Coordinator at ResCare; and

Whereas, in 2015 he received the Eliminating Racism Award from southeast
Wisconsin's YWCA, and in 2016, he was given the Courageous Love Award from the
First Unitarian Society; and

Whereas, Reggie Jackson is an outstanding leader who has consistently
advocated for those who have been marginalized and has worked tirelessly to make
his community more open and equal for all residents; and

Whereas, his unwavering selflessness, passion, and leadership has reshaped
ideas, challenged old notions, and inspired many; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature offers its congratulations to Reggie Jackson for his remarkable
achievements.