2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 88

November 9, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, SINICKI, BOWEN, ZAMARRIPA, BROSTOFF, SARGENT, BERCEAU, ANDERSON, ZEPNICK, SPREITZER, CROWLEY, FIELDS and HEBL, cosponsored by Senators LARSON, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, RINGHAND and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing Jesús Salas, one of the recipients of the 2017 Frank P. Zeidler Public Service Award.

In recognition of all of the following:

Jesús Salas and his family traveled from Crystal City, Texas, to the Great Lakes Region to cultivate and harvest crops and eventually settled in Wautoma, where they operated a restaurant; and

Jesús Salas attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh and was inspired by the late Elizabeth Brandeis Raushenbush, an instructor in the Economics Department at UW–Madison; and

In 1966, he founded Obreros Unidos, a labor union for migrant workers, and led a march to Madison to improve living and working conditions. This was the first migrant worker strike in Wisconsin history. Jesús Salas was the “Cesar Chavez of Wisconsin”; and
He later became the first Latino CEO of United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS), which provided programs and services to improve the employment, educational, health, and housing opportunities of underserved populations; and

In 2003, Jesús Salas was appointed to the UW Board of Regents and served until 2007; and

Jesús Salas is an inspiration to many, a trailblazer for labor rights, and an advocate for equal opportunity for all students and migrant workers across the state of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

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

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