2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106

February 15, 2018 – Introduced by Senators STROEBEL, DARLING, CARPENTER, NASS, VUKMIR and L TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDROM, BRANDTJEN, FIELDS, ALLEN, BALLWEG, R BROOKS, BROSTOFF, CROWLEY, DUCHOW, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, HESSELBEIN, JACQUE, KATSMA, KERKMAN, KITCHENS, KNODL, KREMER, KRUG, KULP, LOUDENBECK, MEYERS, MURPHY, MURSAU, OTT, PETRYK, QUINN, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SARGENT, SCHRAA, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SNYDER, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEK, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, VORPAGEL, VRUWINK, WEATHERSTON, WICHERGERS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: the life and public service of Representative Robert “Bob” Gannon.

Whereas, Representative Gannon was born on January 6, 1959, in Mequon, Wisconsin, and passed away on October 3, 2017, at the age of 58; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon grew up in a large family with modest means and worked to support himself and his family from an early age; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon graduated from West Bend East High School in 1977; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon was proud to become a local business owner, having served as a managing partner of Richards Insurance of West Bend, among other business endeavors; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon demonstrated his lifelong commitment to civic responsibility by assuming leadership roles within the West Bend Chamber of Commerce, West Bend Economic Development Corporation, West Bend Sunrise Rotary, West Bend Jaycees and Family Promise of Washington County; and
Whereas, Representative Gannon was a passionate champion of limited
government and fiscal responsibility, two of the causes he remained steadfastly
committed to following his election to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2014; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon never hesitated to speak on behalf of his
constituents with candor and frankness; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon served on the Assembly Urban
Revitalization Committee as chair, the Assembly Children and Families Committee
as vice chair and various other committees; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon forged friendships with both former
competitors and colleagues across the aisle; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon was an outspoken conservative and advocate
for his party’s principles; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon was a Christian who practiced his faith at
Still Waters United Methodist; and

Whereas, Representative Gannon was commonly referred to as “Mr.
Wonderful,” “Big Bad Bobby G.” and “Insurance Agent Man,” in addition to
“Gentleman from the 58th”; and

Whereas, Bob was a loving husband to Kris; father to Shanna and Bryce;
grandfather to Gavin; son to Thomas and Jane; and brother to nine siblings; now,
therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of
the state of Wisconsin honors the life and service of Robert “Bob” Gannon and extends
its heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends, colleagues and former constituents;
and, be it further
Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to Representative Gannon’s family.

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