2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 69

August 3, 2017 - Introduced by Senators KAPENGA, VUKMIR, CARPENTER, CRAIG, DARLING, ERPENBACH, FEYEN, FITZGERALD, HANSEN, HARSDORF, JOHNSON, LASEE, MARKLEIN, MILLER, MOUTON, NASS, OLSEN, RINGHAND, RISSER, ROTH, SHILLING, STROEBEL, L. TAYLOR, TIFFANY, WANGGAARD, WIRCH and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives KOOYENG, ALLEN, ANDERSON, AUGUST, BALLweg, BERCEAU, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, CROWLEY, DUCHOW, EDMING, FELZKOWSKI, FIELDS, GANNON, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, HOLRACHER, HUTTON, JACQUE, JAGLER, KATSMA, KITCHENS, KLEEFISCH, KNOGL, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, LOUDENBECK, MASON, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEYLON, OTT, POPE, RIPp, RODRIGUEZ, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SARGENT, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, STEINEKE, SUBECK, SWARINGEN, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, VANDERMEER, VORPAGEL, VRUWINK, WACHS, WEATHERSTON, WICHGERS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Theodore “Ted” Kanavas.

Whereas, Theodore “Ted” Kanavas, a dedicated public servant, business champion, community leader, and loving husband and father, passed away on July 3, 2017; and

Whereas, Ted was born to Nick and Minerva Kanavas on April 29, 1961, and raised in Brookfield, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Ted received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1983 and began his professional career in the software industry; and

Whereas, Ted got his start in politics working as an aide to Wisconsin Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner of Menomonee Falls; and

Whereas, Ted was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate in 2001 and proudly represented the people of the 33rd Senate District for ten years; and
Whereas, during his time in the senate, Ted was a champion of economic
development legislation and authored the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, which
gives tax credits to those who invest in start-up companies; and

Whereas, as a senator, Ted remained active in the private sector, where he
served as vice president of business development for a Wisconsin-based software
company for over 20 years; and

Whereas, in 2014, Ted co-founded Michael Best Strategies, a government
relations and public policy firm; and

Whereas, throughout his life, Ted was deeply involved in his community; he
served on the Elmbrook School Board from 1999 to 2002, coached Bulldogs baseball,
and attended the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, among several other
activities; and

Whereas, Ted was a natural leader who found immense joy in helping others
achieve their dreams; and

Whereas, throughout his career, Ted brought energy, vision, and creativity to
every challenge or public policy problem he faced; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin State Legislature join in honoring the life and public service of Ted
Kanavas and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
Mary Kanavas, Ted’s wife of 25 years, and to his children, Kelly, Nick, and Kate.

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