2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

February 6, 2017 - Introduced by Senator KAPENGA, cosponsored by Representatives ALLEN, DUCHOW and NEYLON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: the life and public service of Roger P. Murphy.

Whereas, former state senator Roger P. Murphy was born on October 17, 1923, and died on July 11, 2009; and

Whereas, Roger Murphy was born in Lancaster, the son of Frank and Alice, and was a World War II veteran who served with the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945, flying 29 combat missions in England; and

Whereas, Roger Murphy earned his law degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1951, and was elected district attorney of Waukesha County in 1961, serving five consecutive terms in that office until 1971; and

Whereas, Roger Murphy served as state president of the Wisconsin District Attorneys Association and also served on the first Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Crime; and

Whereas, Senator Murphy was elected in 1970 and served the 33rd Senate District until 1980; and
Whereas, Senator Murphy, a Republican, served as assistant minority leader during the 1979 session, and served on numerous standing committees and Legislative Council study committees during his legislative career, including those relating to the judiciary; and

Whereas, Judge Murphy was appointed by Governor Lee Dreyfus to the third branch of the Circuit Court of Waukesha County in 1980 and served in that role until retiring in 1999; and

Whereas, Roger was husband to Arlene, and father to Mark, Tom, and Margaret Jane, and was a grandfather; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature salute Roger P. Murphy’s public service and honor his achievements; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to his family.