

# State of Wisconsin



## 2019 Senate Joint Resolution 11

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### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Joe Polasek.

Whereas, Joe Polasek, age 65, passed away Saturday, June 9, 2018; and

Whereas, Joe was born July 24, 1952, in Milwaukee, the son of Patricia Jane Polasek and Joseph Patrick Polasek, Sr.; and

Whereas, Joe attended St. Francis High School and UW–Whitewater, receiving his undergraduate degree in Political Science; and

Whereas, during his years at UW–Whitewater, Joe was student body president, a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, and the first student ever elected to the Whitewater City Council; and

Whereas, Joe then received his Master's Degree in Public Administration at UW–Madison; and

Whereas, Joe started his 44–year career with the State of Wisconsin in 1975, in the Department of Administration as a budget analyst, where he worked for nine years; and

Whereas, he then began his life's work in the Department of Natural Resources in 1984 when he was hired as the department's budget director, where he served as a model, dedicated public servant for seven DNR secretaries in his career until the day he died; and

Whereas, during that 35 years at the department, Joe was instrumental in administering nearly every major state environmental policy so that every DNR program implemented over the past 35 years has Joe's fingerprints on it; and

Whereas, he was an avid sports fan and a loving father to his son, Mike, and daughter, Lindsay, and a second dad to many of their friends who referred to him fondly as Joe Pa; and

Whereas, Joe shared 20 years of marriage and decades of loving friendship thereafter with Lori Jolin; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:** the Wisconsin Senate honors the life and public service of Joe Polasek and mourns his passing; and, be it further

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

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Roger Roth  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk