



## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

1     **Relating to:** honoring the public service of Michael Leckrone.

2             Whereas, Michael Leckrone received his bachelor's and master's degrees in  
3     music at Butler University; and

4             Whereas, he became director of the Marching Band at the University of  
5     Wisconsin in 1969 when interest in the band had fallen to an all-time low; and

6             Whereas, he welcomed women into the previously all-male band and  
7     transformed it into a coed organization; and

8             Whereas, he required all members to participate in drills and instilled in them  
9     an appreciation for intense physical conditioning; and

10            Whereas, he initiated "stop at the top," a more demanding marching stride; and

11            Whereas, he emphasized showmanship and redesigned the pregame entrance  
12     to this end; and

13            Whereas, the band grew from about 100 members to approximately 300 today;  
14     and

15            Whereas, he launched the Varsity Band concert in 1975; and

