February 17, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives KERKMAN, McGUIRE and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring the life and commemorating the contributions of Kenosha resident Ralph Tenuta.

Whereas, Ralph Tenuta was born on May 26, 1932, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and passed away on January 15, 2020, in Kenosha County; and

Whereas, Tenuta worked with his father to open the iconic Tenuta’s Delicatessen and Grocery Store in Kenosha on September 1, 1950, which continues to operate to this day; and

Whereas, Tenuta employed and mentored hundreds of young employees from the Kenosha area at his business, many of whom were serving in their first jobs; and

Whereas, he was a pillar of Kenosha and, as such, was deeply involved in his community to ensure that it continues to be a great place to live; and

Whereas, he was a charter member of the Kenosha Boys and Girls Club, Kenosha Rotary West, and the 52nd Street Businessmen’s Association; and

Whereas, he helped establish the American State Bank, served as its board chairman, and also sat on the Wisconsin Banking Review Board for two decades; and
Whereas, he played an integral role in creating the University of Wisconsin – Parkside, served as the president of its Benevolent Foundation, and received the University of Wisconsin – Parkside Lifetime Recognition Award; and

Whereas, he was a trustee of Carthage College and received the Carthage Flame Award in 2006; and

Whereas, he was beloved by his late wife, Margaret, their seven children, and their many grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature honor the life and commemorate the contributions of Ralph Tenuta; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to Ralph’s family.

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