2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

November 15, 2019 – Introduced by Senators Marklein, Carpenter, Cowles, Jacque, Miller, Nass, Olsen and Risser, cosponsored by Representatives Novak, Tranel, Dittrich, Duchow, Kerkman, Kitchens, Krug, Kurtz, Milroy, Pronschinske, Sinicki, Skowronski, Tauchen, Tusler, VanderMeer and Vruwink. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Joseph “Joe” Tregoning.

Whereas, Joseph E. “Joe” Tregoning was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on May 26, 1941, to parents Orville and Ermine; and

Whereas, Joe lived in Shullsburg, Wisconsin, with his family and graduated from Shullsburg High School in 1959; and

Whereas, Joe wed Jeanne Brunette on March 2, 1971, and devoted himself to her until her passing in 2016; and

Whereas, Joe was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in April 1967 and served that body for over 20 years; and

Whereas, Joe served on various committees, including over two decades on the Assembly Committee on Agriculture; and

Whereas, Joe was active in his party as a member of the Lafayette County Republicans and of caucus leadership in the Assembly; and
Whereas, Joe was appointed executive assistant, and later deputy secretary, of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection during the administration of his friend Governor Tommy Thompson; and

Whereas, Joe was a longtime farmer who championed the interests of farmers both within his district and throughout the state; and

Whereas, Joe triumphed over personal adversity to make meaningful accomplishments for his family, community, and state; and

Whereas, Joe passed away on October 10, 2019, leaving behind his son Joshua, daughter-in-law Andrea, grandchildren Ila, Lilia, and Kass, and other beloved family members; and

Whereas, the flags of the United States and the State of Wisconsin were flown at half-staff on Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19, 2019, in his honor; and

Whereas, Joe will be remembered as a public servant, devoted husband and father, man of faith, farmer, and avid hunter; 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 Joseph “Joe” Tregoning and extend their sincerest sympathy to his family and friends.

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