Relating to: honoring the life and commemorating the career and accomplishments of Ed Lump.

Whereas, Edward Joseph “Ed” Lump was born on July 25, 1942 in Chicago Illinois, the oldest of Ruth and Edward Lump’s four sons; and

Whereas, Ed Lump earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1964; and

Whereas, Ed Lump cofounded the Brat und Brau restaurants and the EJ Lump & Co. Foodservice Consulting Firm; and

Whereas, after years of success in the restaurant business, Ed Lump became President and CEO of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association (WRA) and provided outstanding leadership for 36 years in this role before retiring on March 31, 2018; and

Whereas, Ed Lump brought restaurant industry experience, business acumen, political savvy, strong negotiating skills, integrity, and a talent for storytelling to his job; and
Whereas, Ed Lump provided valuable services for WRA members, such as model employee handbooks for restaurant owners, educational programs, and the WRA Education Foundation and scholarship program; and

Whereas, WRA membership increased fifteenfold under Ed’s guidance; and

Whereas, Ed Lump served as past chair of the WRA board of directors and as a board member for 10 years; and

Whereas, Ed Lump served with dedication and commitment on the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council as the designated representative of Wisconsin’s small business community; and

Whereas, Ed Lump, throughout his long career, championed legislation to protect the restaurant industry, including a statewide smoking ban and the establishment of the Department of Tourism; and

Whereas, Ed Lump was an eloquent and passionate voice for restaurants across the state; and

Whereas, Ed Lump died at the age of 79 on October 11, 2021, in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Ed’s love for his family, his job, and the restaurant, hospitality, and tourism industries inspired tremendous respect and established a remarkable legacy; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin Legislature honor the life, career, and accomplishments of Ed Lump.

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