Relating to: honoring the public service of Thomas Barrett and congratulating him on his continued service to our state and country as the United States Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Whereas, Thomas Barrett was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 8, 1953, and has stated that Wisconsin will always be his home; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett graduated from Marquette University High School in 1972; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1976; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Law in 1980; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett and his wife Kris have raised four children in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett served as a clerk to United States Judge Robert Warren of the Eastern District of Wisconsin from 1980 to 1982; and

January 21, 2022 – Introduced by Senators JOHNSON, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, ROYS, ERPENBACH, LARSON and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives GOYKE, VRUWINK, SINICKI, MILROY, EMERSON, HAYWOOD, DRAKE, OHNSTAD, Vining, ANDRACA, CONLEY, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, Spretzer, CONSIDINE, SHANKLAND, MOORE OMOKUNDE, SHELTON, Riemer, Hintz, Subeck and Stubbs. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.
Whereas, Thomas Barrett served as an assistant bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett served as a member of the Wisconsin State Assembly from 1984 to 1989, representing the 14th Assembly District; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett served as a member of the Wisconsin State Senate from 1989 to 1993, representing the 5th Senate District; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett served as a member of Congress from 1993 to 2003, representing Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett served as Mayor of the City of Milwaukee from 2004 to 2021; and

Whereas, Thomas Barrett was the Democratic candidate for Governor in 2010 and 2012; and

Whereas, in 2021, Thomas Barrett was nominated by President Joe Biden and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as the United States Ambassador to Luxembourg; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin State Legislature recognizes the contributions and public service of Thomas Barrett to the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Wisconsin State Legislature hereby expresses its congratulations to Ambassador Barrett on his recent nomination by President Joe Biden and confirmation by the United States Senate to serve as the United States Ambassador to Luxembourg and wishes him success in representing our nation abroad.

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