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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** the life and public service of Rodney Warren Kreunen.

Whereas, Rodney Kreunen served honorably and effectively as the State Commissioner of Railroads from 1996 to 2008, bringing to his office a passion for railroading and a determination to keep Wisconsin rail crossings safe; and

Whereas, “Uncle Rodney” carried his enthusiasm wherever he went, tirelessly promoting passenger rail, raising the visibility of his office, and preaching the importance of its safety mission; and

Whereas, Rodney Kreunen was raised in Whitefish Bay but lived in Madison and practiced the art of not letting political differences interfere with his friendships; and

Whereas, Rodney Kreunen, who had sold and ridden motorcycles, sailed on iceboats, and ridden trains around the world, embarked on his final journey on October 8, 2015, at age 79; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin legislature extends its condolences to Rodney’s wife, Annette; his son, Pieter; and his daughter, Julie; and invites Wisconsin residents to honor Rodney Kreunen as a worthy public servant who made a difference and kept his friends; and, be it further

***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Rodney’s wife, Annette; his son, Pieter; and his daughter, Julie.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Mary Lazich  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk