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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 106

February 4, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives Barca, Ohnstad, Kerkman, Jorgensen, Berceau, Spreitzer, Sinicki and Wachs, cosponsored by Senators Wirch, Wanggaard, Vinehout, Nass, Cowles and L. Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce for 100 years of excellent service and dedication to the greater Kenosha area.

Whereas, the City of Kenosha has made historical contributions to the Wisconsin manufacturing industry and other key businesses by way of its unique geography and functionality as a key Great Lakes port in the 1800s; and

Whereas, the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce was established in 1916 as a business and community resource organization with a mission to serve and strengthen the Kenosha area by highlighting the area's rich history of commerce and manufacturing; and

Whereas, since the early 1900s, Kenosha has served as home to such innovative companies as Snap-on Inc., Jockey, and American Brass, as well as revolutionary automobile companies, including Jeffery, Rambler, Nash, and American Motors Corporation, which have made such significant contributions to the automobile industry as the steering wheel and mass production techniques; and

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Whereas, the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting, supporting, and providing resources to more than 600 established and aspiring business members and organizations in the greater Kenosha area; and

Whereas, the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce is responsible for hosting such established business events and services as Business After 5, Kenosha Expo, Business to Business Expo, Leadership Kenosha, and Inventors & Entrepreneurs Club of Kenosha & Racine; and

Whereas, the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to the enrichment of young people through its partnership with Y-Link and its awarding of scholarships to students that display positive character, leadership skills, academic excellence, and a commitment to community involvement; and

Whereas, the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce benefits from a diverse board of directors that includes community business leaders, university and technical college affiliates, local government officials, and representatives of the local media; and

Whereas, Lou Molitor, the former president of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce and a lifelong Kenosha native, has served as the acting president of the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce since 2008, and his leadership and commitment to fostering strong and professional relationships throughout the City and County of Kenosha is widely recognized; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of its board of directors and acting president Lou Molitor, is recognized for 100 years of outstanding service to the business community of Kenosha and the Kenosha community as a whole.