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2021 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 6

January 12, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives AUGUST and STEINEKE.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the service, leadership, and tenure of Robin Vos as
2 Wisconsin's 75th and longest-serving Speaker of the Assembly.

3 Whereas, Representative Robin Vos, a lifelong resident of Racine County,
4 entered the public arena as a young man, serving as student member of the
5 University of Wisconsin Board of Regents during the 1989-91 period and then as a
6 Racine County Board supervisor during the 1994-2004 period; and

7 Whereas, Robin Vos was first elected to serve the 63rd Assembly District in
8 2004, and is now serving his ninth term in office; and

9 Whereas, Robin Vos was quickly recognized as a leader by his colleagues,
10 chairing numerous committees throughout his tenure, including the powerful Joint
11 Committee on Finance during the 2011-12 legislative session; and

12 Whereas, Robin Vos was first elected as the 75th Speaker of the Assembly in
13 2013 and has been re-elected four times, making him the longest-serving Assembly
14 Speaker in state history, with a record-breaking tenure of 2,927 days as Speaker;
15 and

1 Whereas, as Speaker of the Assembly, Robin Vos led several of the largest
2 Republican majorities in the Assembly in state history, while ensuring that an
3 overwhelming majority of the bills passed by the Assembly received bipartisan
4 support; and

5 Whereas, during Speaker Vos's tenure, the Wisconsin State Legislature
6 approved one of the largest tax cuts in state history, steadfastly refused to raise
7 income and sales taxes on Wisconsin residents and businesses, and took actions to
8 ensure the largest rainy day fund in this state's history; and

9 Whereas, under Speaker Vos's leadership, the Wisconsin State Legislature has
10 enacted a bold program of welfare reform that promotes accountability and
11 responsibility and has served as a model for states across the nation; and

12 Whereas, under Speaker Vos's leadership, the Wisconsin State Legislature
13 enacted the largest increase in funding for Wisconsin's schools, froze state resident
14 tuition at the University of Wisconsin, and championed the Campus Free Speech Act;
15 and

16 Whereas, under Speaker Vos's leadership, the Wisconsin State Legislature
17 repealed Wisconsin's prevailing wage law and enacted Wisconsin's Right to Work
18 Law, ensuring free market competition and promoting individual freedom; and

19 Whereas, Speaker Robin Vos has encouraged numerous good governance
20 reforms, including the overhaul of outdated, onerous, and costly administrative rules
21 and regulations; and

22 Whereas, while serving as Speaker, Robin Vos has created more than ten
23 bipartisan task forces that have led to the development of vital and significant
24 legislation on issues affecting Wisconsin, like mental health, rural schools, water

1 quality, racial disparities, adoption, suicide prevention, urban education, school
2 funding, and foster care; and

3 Whereas, Robin Vos is recognized as a legislative leader not only in Wisconsin,
4 but also by state legislators across the country, having served with distinction as
5 President of the National Conference of State Legislatures and as Vice Chair of the
6 State Legislative Leaders Foundation; now, therefore, be it

7 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin State
8 Assembly hereby recognize and honor the service, leadership, and tenure of Robin
9 Vos, Wisconsin's 75th Speaker of the Assembly, and the longest-serving speaker in
10 Wisconsin history.

11 (END)