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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 49

May 5, 2017 - Introduced by Senators FITZGERALD, SHILLING, BEWLEY, COWLES, DARLING, ERPENBACH, HARSDORF, JOHNSON, KAPENGA, C. LARSON, LASEE, MILLER, MOULTON, NASS, OLSEN, PETROWSKI, RINGHAND, RISSER, ROTH, STROEBEL, L. TAYLOR, TIFFANY, VINEHOUT, VUKMIR, WANGGAARD and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives VOS, BARCA, BERCEAU, BOWEN, CROWLEY, GENRICH, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, HORLACHER, KESSLER, KLEEFISCH, KOLSTE, KREMER, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, PETRYK, POPE, RIPP, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TUSLER, VRUWINK, WACHS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Rachel Ann Veum.

2 Whereas, Rachel Ann (Heller) Veum was born December 1, 1970, and passed
3 away on October 10, 2016, at the young age of forty-five. She was the loving
4 daughter of David and Jean (Heller) Dallman, wife of Eric T. Veum, mother of
5 Samantha and Andrew, and daughter-in-law of Thomas and the late Gladys Veum.
6 She also had many other loving relatives and friends; and

7 Whereas, after graduating from Edgerton High School in 1989, Rachel
8 attended Madison Business College where she received an associate's degree. Rachel
9 began her long career in the legislature at the Legislative Council in April 1991 and
10 worked there until February 1993. She then served in the Office of the Assembly
11 Chief Clerk from February 1993 to June 1997, where she also served as an assistant
12 in the Legislative Human Resources Office. Rachel returned to the Legislative
13 Council in July 1997 and worked there until July 2006 when she joined the Senate
14 Chief Clerk's Office, where she worked until 2016. Rachel was a loyal, trusted, and

1 dedicated member of the office and proudly worked as the office manager and records
2 and forms management specialist; and

3 Whereas, Rachel cherished and loved spending time with family, planning
4 trips, traveling to new locations to ride ATVs as a family, and hosting parties at the
5 house, and she was very involved with Samantha's and Andrew's sports and other
6 activities, such as being part of Samantha's prom and becoming a den mother for the
7 Boy Scouts and a member of the High School Booster Club and Sun Prairie Youth
8 Lacrosse Club. She loved to travel and shared business trips with Eric and enjoyed
9 weekend girls' trips with her childhood friends and scrapbooking get-togethers.
10 Weekends were shared with family and friends and dogs Lucy and newest member
11 Jazmine; and

12 Whereas, Rachel loved her job. Her presence under and around this big
13 beautiful dome of the state capitol will be deeply missed. Rachel loved the energy the
14 capitol brought, especially during session, and enjoyed working with the senators,
15 staff, and support agencies. She loved it when they stopped by her office to work,
16 visit, or just say hello, and she loved stepping away for lunch with friends; and

17 Whereas, Rachel's smile and her contagious laughter were always present. She
18 cherished looking after everyone in the loving and caring way that she had. She
19 treasured the friendships formed during her lifetime, and she touched so many lives
20 along her journey. Rachel has left us with many beautiful moments and memories.
21 Words cannot express how deeply Rachel will be missed; and

22 Whereas, Rachel always had a positive outlook: from the moment she was
23 diagnosed with cancer in June 2015, she fought with strength and fierceness, and
24 with the love and support of her family and many friends, she never wavered. She
25 was an inspiration to us all—she was Super Rachel; now, therefore, be it

1 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
2 Wisconsin Legislature do hereby commend the life of, and career of, Rachel Ann
3 Veum; offer their deepest condolences to Rachel's family, friends, and colleagues; and
4 celebrate the legacy that Rachel leaves behind.

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