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## **2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 69**

<ul> <li>August 3, 2017 - Introduced by Senators Kapenga, Vukmir, Carpenter, Craig, Darling, Erpenbach, Feyen, Fitzgerald, Hansen, Harsdorf, Johnson, Lasee, Marklein, Miller, Moulton, Nass, Olsen, Ringhand, Risser, Roth, Shilling, Stroebel, L. Taylor, Tiffany, Wanggaard, Wirch and Vinehout, cosponsored by Representatives Kooyenga, Allen, Anderson, August, Ballweg, Berceau, Bowen, Brandtjen, Crowley, Duchow, Edming, Felzkowski, Fields, Gannon, Hesselbein, Hintz, Horlacher, Hutton, Jacque, Jagler, Katsma, Kitchens, Kleefisch, Knodl, Krug, Kuglitsch, Loudenbeck, Mason, Murphy, Mursau, Neylon, Ott, Pope, Ripp, Rodriguez, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Sargent, Schraa, Shankland, Sinicki, Skowronski, Spiros, Spreitzer, Steffen, Steineke, Subeck, Swearingen, Tauchen, Thiesfeldt, Tranel, VanderMeer, Vorpagel, Vruwink, Wachs, Weatherston, Wichgers and Zepnick. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.</li> </ul>
Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Theodore "Ted" Kanavas.
Whereas, Theodore "Ted" Kanavas, a dedicated public servant, business
champion, community leader, and loving husband and father, passed away on July
3, 2017; and
Whereas, Ted was born to Nick and Minerva Kanavas on April 29, 1961, and
raised in Brookfield, Wisconsin; and
Whereas, Ted received a bachelor's degree in political science from the
University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1983 and began his professional career in the

- 9 software industry; and
- 10 Whereas, Ted got his start in politics working as an aide to Wisconsin
- 11 Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner of Menomonee Falls; and
- 12 Whereas, Ted was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate in 2001 and proudly
- 13 represented the people of the 33rd Senate District for ten years; and

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1	Whereas, during his time in the senate, Ted was a champion of economic
2	development legislation and authored the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, which
3	gives tax credits to those who invest in start-up companies; and
4	Whereas, as a senator, Ted remained active in the private sector, where he
5	served as vice president of business development for a Wisconsin-based software
6	company for over 20 years; and
7	Whereas, in 2014, Ted co-founded Michael Best Strategies, a government
8	relations and public policy firm; and
9	Whereas, throughout his life, Ted was deeply involved in his community; he
10	served on the Elmbrook School Board from 1999 to 2002, coached Bulldogs baseball,
11	and attended the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, among several other
12	activities; and
13	Whereas, Ted was a natural leader who found immense joy in helping others
14	achieve their dreams; and
15	Whereas, throughout his career, Ted brought energy, vision, and creativity to
16	every challenge or public policy problem he faced; now, therefore, be it
17	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
18	Wisconsin State Legislature join in honoring the life and public service of Ted
19	Kanavas and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further
20	<i>Resolved, That</i> the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
21	Mary Kanavas, Ted's wife of 25 years, and to his children, Kelly, Nick, and Kate.
22	(END)