

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 15

September 6, 2023 – Introduced by Representatives Katsma, August, Baldeh, BINSFELD, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, GOEBEN, KRUG, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, PENTERMAN, RETTINGER, SINICKI, SPIROS, SUBECK, TITTL and TRANEL. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Representative Mike Endsley. 2 Whereas, Michael "Mike" Dee Endsley was born to Laverne and Beverly 3 Endsley on March 4, 1962, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin; and Whereas, Mike Endsley graduated from Sheboygan Falls High School in 1980 4 and from UW-Platteville in 1984, where he received a bachelor's degree in 56 psychology and excelled as a collegiate football player; and 7 Whereas, Mike Endsley had a fulfilling career in business, spending more than 8 25 years in sales, including as a regional sales manager for Gardner Denver, before 9 being elected to represent the 26th Assembly District in November 2010; and 10 Whereas, during his two terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly, Mike Endsley 11 served as Chair of the Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, and as Vice-Chair of 12 both the Jobs, Economy, and Small Business Committee and the Small Business 13 Development Committee; and 14 Whereas, while serving in the legislature, Mike Endsley authored and

15 advocated for various bills relating to transportation, infrastructure, therapeutic

medicine, mental health, law enforcement, corrections, and tax reform, among
 others; and

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Whereas, despite Mike Endsley's eagerness to continue serving in the legislature, his political career was cut short after being diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment in 2014, which developed into early-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

Whereas, Mike Endsley's tenacity and spirit persevered over the next nine
years as he advocated tirelessly for those experiencing memory loss, lobbied for
funding to support patients and caregivers, and educated others about Alzheimer's
disease; and

11 Whereas, Mike Endsley volunteered with the Sheboygan County Walk to End 12 Alzheimer's committee and spent many hours volunteering at The Gathering Place, 13 a day program for adults with memory loss where he built friendships, facilitated 14 activities, and took great pride in serving others while facing his own challenges with 15 the disease; and

16 Whereas, Mike Endsley passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on July 17 13, 2023; and

18 Whereas, Mike Endsley will be remembered by his family and friends for his 19 optimism, sense of humor, heartwarming smile, and passion for serving his 20 community; now, therefore, be it

- *Resolved by the assembly, That* the members of the Wisconsin State
 Assembly join in honoring the life and public service of Representative Mike Endsley
 and extend their condolences to his family and friends.
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