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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

March 7, 2019 - Introduced by Senators Miller, Carpenter, Hansen, Ringhand, Cowles, Wirch, L. Taylor, Erpenbach, Risser and Nass, cosponsored by Representatives Anderson, Hebl, Crowley, Vruwink, Milroy, Mursau, Subeck, Sinicki, Hesselbein and Bowen. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Joe Polasek.

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2	Whereas, Joe Polasek, age 65, passed away Saturday, June 9, 2018; and
3	Whereas, Joe was born July 24, 1952, in Milwaukee, the son of Patricia Jane
4	Polasek and Joseph Patrick Polasek, Sr.; and
5	Whereas, Joe attended St. Francis High School and UW-Whitewater, receiving
6	his undergraduate degree in Political Science; and
7	Whereas, during his years at UW-Whitewater, Joe was student body president,
8	a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, and the first student ever elected to the
9	Whitewater City Council; and
10	Whereas, Joe then received his Master's Degree in Public Administration at
11	UW-Madison; and
12	Whereas, Joe started his 44-year career with the State of Wisconsin in 1975,
13	in the Department of Administration as a budget analyst, where he worked for nine
14	years; and

Whereas, he then began his life's work in the Department of Natural Resources
in 1984 when he was hired as the department's budget director, where he served as
a model, dedicated public servant for seven DNR secretaries in his career until the
day he died; and
Whereas, during that 35 years at the department, Joe was instrumental in
administering nearly every major state environmental policy so that every DNR
program implemented over the past 35 years has Joe's fingerprints on it; and
Whereas, he was an avid sports fan and a loving father to his son, Mike, and
daughter, Lindsay, and a second dad to many of their friends who referred to him
fondly as Joe Pa; and
Whereas, Joe shared 20 years of marriage and decades of loving friendship
thereafter with Lori Jolin; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That: the Wisconsin
Senate honors the life and public service of Joe Polasek and mourns his passing; and,
be it further
Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
his family.

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