

## **ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

Relating to: the life and public service of Jim Besson, mayor of Greenfield.

Whereas, Jim Besson served as the only mayor of Greenfield ever elected to 4 terms; and

Whereas, his accomplishments include oversight of the construction of a new city hall; and

Whereas, Jim was instrumental in the development of parks in Greenfield, including development of the city's largest park — Konkol Park, along with the creation of Dan Jansen Park to honor the Greenfield resident and Olympic gold medallist speed skater and assisting with a public/private partnership with Milwaukee County to develop Alan Kulwicki Park honoring the Greenfield resident and Winston Cup champion; and

Whereas, Jim was a strong supporter of the Greenfield DARE program, helping to solidly establish the program in Greenfield schools, along with facilitating the creation of the Greenfield police canine program; and

Whereas, Jim accomplished all of this while serving as a part–time mayor in a city of over 30,000 simultaneously with owning and operating Besson Auto Body in West Allis for 30 years; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the assembly, That* the members of the Wisconsin assembly memorialize Jim Besson for his tireless contributions to the city of Greenfield and the state of Wisconsin; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to Mr. Besson's family.

State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin Representative Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Assembly

John A. Scocos Assembly Chief Clerk

Date