ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of Gregory Blaska.

Whereas, Gregory D. Blaska was born on May 26, 1925, in the town of Sun Prairie, the son of John and Rose Blaska, and died Thursday, March 6, 2003; and

Whereas, Mr. Blaska married Laura Klein of Waunakee on September 11, 1948, and together they raised 4 children; and

Whereas, Mr. Blaska was given honorary recognition by the University of Wisconsin–Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in 1979, and named Master Agriculturalist in 1982; and

Whereas, Gregory Blaska was a member of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Catholic Church and served on the committee for the school's endowment fund; and

Whereas, he was a charter member of the Sun Prairie Rotary Club and in 1982 was named a Paul Harris Fellow — the highest honor bestowed by Rotary International; and

Whereas, Mr. Blaska was elected to the Sun Prairie School Board and served as its president; and Whereas, Gregory Blaska was presently serving as state court trustee for the Catholic Order of Foresters; and

Whereas, Mr. Blaska worked tirelessly to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of farm cooperatives both locally and nationally; and

Whereas, Gregory Blaska was affiliated with the Dairyland Co-op, Pure Milk Association, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., Morning Glory Dairy, and Foremost Farms, in addition to serving as director to the National Milk Producers Organization and chairman of the World Dairy Expo for 31 years; and

Whereas, throughout his life Gregory Blaska's leadership and advocacy were instrumental in a wide array of civic and agricultural organizations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly commend the devoted public service that Gregory D. Blaska contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to Gregory's wife, Laura Blaska of Sun Prairie, and his children, John Blaska of Marshall, Jeffrey Blaska of DeForest, Margaret Howe of Rochester, New York, and Barry Blaska of Madison.

State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin	Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly
Date	Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk