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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87

November 8, 2017 - Introduced by Senators Carpenter, Erpenbach, Hansen, Johnson, Larson, Miller, Nass, Ringhand, Risser, Shilling, Vinehout and Wirch, cosponsored by Representatives Sinicki, Zepnick, Anderson, Barca, Berceau, Crowley, Fields, Genrich, Goyke, Hintz, Jagler, Kessler, Milroy, Ohnstad, Riemer, Sargent, Shankland, Spreitzer, Subeck, Tusler, Vorpagel, Vruwink, Young and Zamarripa. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

2	Whereas, Gerald (Jerry) D. Kleczka was born November 26, 1943, in
3	Milwaukee; graduated in 1961 from Don Bosco High School; served in the Wisconsin
4	National Guard; and, at 24 years of age, was elected to three terms in the Wisconsin
5	State Assembly; and
6	Whereas, in 1974, Jerry moved to the Wisconsin State Senate, where he served
7	as Assistant Majority Leader and later as Co-Chair of the Wisconsin Legislature's
8	Joint Committee on Finance; and

Whereas, in 1984, Jerry was elected to succeed Clement Zablocki in

Whereas, in Congress, he sat on the House Committee on Ways and Means,

representing Wisconsin's 4th Congressional District; he served 20 years,

pushed through major health care and spending reforms, and voted against entering

championing working families, veterans, and senior citizens; and

the 1991 Gulf War and the 2003 invasion of Iraq; and

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Gerald D. Kleczka.

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1	Whereas, after 11 terms in Congress and having never lost an election, Jerry
2	retired from Congress in 2005; and
3	Whereas, during their retirement, Jerry and his wife enjoyed summer
4	weekends at their lake home, surrounded by family; and as before, Jerry continued
5	to enjoy woodworking, cooking, gardening, remodeling projects, and caring for his
6	beloved shelties; and
7	Whereas, Jerry is remembered by those who served with him in government
8	and by the siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends who survive him
9	for his friendly, easy-going manner; his grasp of issues; his work ethic; and his
10	unfailing willingness to put the well-being of others before his own; now, therefore,
11	be it
12	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
13	Legislature salutes the public service of Congressman Gerald D. Kleczka and
14	mourns his passing; and, be it further
15	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of the resolution to

(END)

Congressman Kleczka's wife of 39 years, Bonnie.