2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 142

February 17, 2020 – Introduced by Representatives KERKMAN, McGUIRE and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators WANGGAARD and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and commemorating the contributions of Kenosha
2 resident Ralph Tenuta.

3 Whereas, Ralph Tenuta was born on May 26, 1932, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and
4 passed away on January 15, 2020, in Kenosha County; and

5 Whereas, Tenuta worked with his father to open the iconic Tenuta's
6 Delicatessen and Grocery Store in Kenosha on September 1, 1950, which continues
7 to operate to this day; and

8 Whereas, Tenuta employed and mentored hundreds of young employees from
9 the Kenosha area at his business, many of whom were serving in their first jobs; and

10 Whereas, he was a pillar of Kenosha and, as such, was deeply involved in his
11 community to ensure that it continues to be a great place to live; and

12 Whereas, he was a charter member of the Kenosha Boys and Girls Club,
13 Kenosha Rotary West, and the 52nd Street Businessmen's Association; and

14 Whereas, he helped establish the American State Bank, served as its board
15 chairman, and also sat on the Wisconsin Banking Review Board for two decades; and

1   Whereas, he played an integral role in creating the University of Wisconsin –

2   Parkside, served as the president of its Benevolent Foundation, and received the

3   University of Wisconsin – Parkside Lifetime Recognition Award; and

4   Whereas, he was a trustee of Carthage College and received the Carthage

5   Flame Award in 2006; and

6   Whereas, he was beloved by his late wife, Margaret, their seven children, and

7   their many grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

8   ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the

9   Wisconsin State Legislature honor the life and commemorate the contributions of

10   Ralph Tenuta; and, be it further

11   ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution

12   to Ralph's family.

13   **(END)**