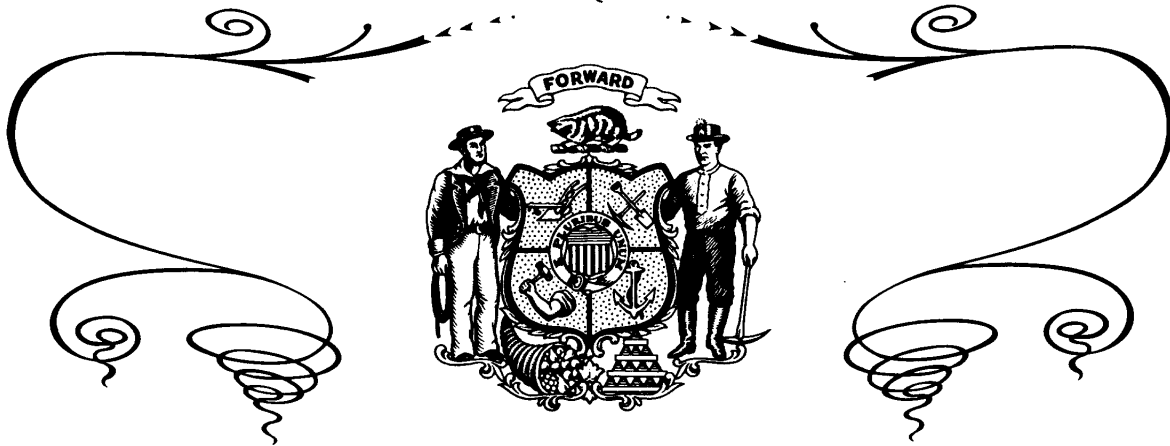


State of Wisconsin



2019 Senate Joint Resolution 21

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: honoring the public service of Michael Leckrone.

Whereas, Michael Leckrone received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music at Butler University; and

Whereas, he became director of the Marching Band at the University of Wisconsin in 1969 when interest in the band had fallen to an all-time low; and

Whereas, he welcomed women into the previously all-male band and transformed it into a coed organization; and

Whereas, he required all members to participate in drills and instilled in them an appreciation for intense physical conditioning; and

Whereas, he initiated "stop at the top," a more demanding marching stride; and

Whereas, he emphasized showmanship and redesigned the pregame entrance to this end; and

Whereas, the band grew from about 100 members to approximately 300 today; and

Whereas, he launched the Varsity Band concert in 1975; and

Whereas, he instituted the 5th Quarter in 1977, now recognized as one of college sports' great traditions; and

Whereas, he has received numerous awards and titles, including Outstanding Educator of America in 1970; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin State Assembly recognized him as a Hometown Hero in 2015; and

Whereas, he has helped thousands of young people become better musicians, team players, and leaders; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature hereby recognize and honor the public service of Michael Leckrone at the University of Wisconsin and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Roger Roth
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk