



2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

April 4, 2019 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, OLSEN, MARKLEIN, JOHNSON, MILLER, RINGHAND, RISSER, L. TAYLOR and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives LOUDENBECK, HESSELBEIN, ANDERSON, BALLWEG, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, FIELDS, GUNDRUM, HEBL, MAGNAFICI, MYERS, PETRYK, PLUMER, POPE, RAMTHUN, SHANKLAND, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, TAUCHEN, TUSLER, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, VRUWINK, WITTKER, PRONCHINSKE, EDMING and SARGENT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the public service of Michael Leckrone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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