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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 15

March 7, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives Stuck and Steineke, cosponsored by Senator Roth. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1	Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Kathleen D. Groat.
2	Whereas, Kathleen "Kathy" D. Groat was born on March 25, 1941, in
3	Stoughton, WI and died on February 18, 2017, in Appleton, WI; and
4	Whereas, Kathy graduated from high school, received her degree from the
5	University of Wisconsin-Madison and her master's degree from the University of
6	Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and
7	Whereas, Kathy dedicated her life to serving the public and her community;
8	and
9	Whereas, Kathy served on the Appleton Common Council from 1996 to 2006
10	and on the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors from 2009 to 2017; and
11	Whereas, Kathy served as a volunteer on the Appleton Housing Authority
12	Board since her appointment by the mayor in 2006; and
13	Whereas, Kathy served on the board of directors for Serve Wisconsin since
14	2003, helping to promote, train, and allocate resources to programs that enrich lives
15	and communities through service and volunteerism; and

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1	Whereas, Kathy served as the director of the Fair Housing Center of Northeast
2	Wisconsin and worked to prevent housing discrimination in Northeast Wisconsin;
3	and
4	Whereas, Kathy not only served in local government, but also helped to find and
5	mentor community members, regardless of their partisan leanings, to run for seats
6	on the Appleton Common Council or the Outagamie County Board; and
7	Whereas, Kathy started a nonprofit adoption agency, Soul, to provide services
8	to children abandoned in Nicaragua which transitioned to become a general adoption
9	agency, Adoption Services, which still operates today; and
10	Whereas, Kathy touched the lives of many in the Fox Valley and across the state
11	of Wisconsin through her many roles in local government, with nonprofit
12	organizations, and as a mentor to many other public officials; now, therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
14	legislature commends the devoted public service that Kathleen "Kathy" Groat
15	contributed to the state of Wisconsin, Northeast Wisconsin, and the Fox Cities
16	community, expresses its sorrow at her death, and extends its condolences to her
17	family; and, be it further
18	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
19	resolution to Mrs. Groat's son, Christopher.

(END)