

2011 Assembly Joint Resolution 61

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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** the life and public service of Gervase A. Hephner.

Whereas, Gervase A. Hephner was born on February 5, 1936, in Rantoul, Wisconsin, and died on June 26, 2011, in Chilton, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, he graduated from Chilton High School; and

Whereas, Mr. Hephner served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956; and

Whereas, he earned a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1960; and

Whereas, Mr. Hephner was first elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1966, serving in the 1967 to 1985 sessions; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Mr. Hephner authored legislation to establish a veterinary school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the “Something Special from Wisconsin” agricultural promotion; and

Whereas, at its 55th annual convention held in June 1984, the Wisconsin Future Farmers of America (FFA) honored Gervase with the Honorary State Farmers Degree, the highest honor of FFA; and

Whereas, Mr. Hephner left the assembly to pursue the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor; and

Whereas, Gervase became a lobbyist for six organizations, including the Wisconsin Tavern League, the National Farm Organization, and Scientific Games, Inc.; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Gervase A. Hephner contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Mr. Hephner’s wife, Kay; his daughters, Mary and Ann; and his sons, John and Tim.

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Senator Michael G. Ellis  
President of the Senate

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Representative Jeff Fitzgerald  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk