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MEMORIAL TO LARRY W. GLEASMAN

WHEREAS Larry W. Gleasman, of the City of Madison, passed away on January 2, 2019 at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS Larry served as a member of this County Board from 1980 to 1986, representing the old District 5 which included much of downtown Madison and the University of Wisconsin area; Larry served on many committees including as chair of the Human Resources Committee, and as a member of the Judiciary Committee; he was a member of many boards and commissions, including the Legislative Liaison committee, the United Services Board, and the City-County Commission on Sexual Assault; and

WHEREAS Larry was passionate about quality human services overall, but in particular for those with Intellectual and emotional disabilities; he took an active role in the development of the children's mental health system, and was part of a fact-finding trip with human services staff and supervisors to Ventura, California – a community considered a leader in children's mental health services; this visit and Dane County efforts eventually resulted in Children Come First, which to this day is a premier initiative that provides wraparound care coordination for children and youth ages 0-19 with diagnosed mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS upon leaving the County Board, Larry moved to Williamson Street where he purchased a building in the heart of the neighborhood and opened "Grampa's Gun Shop", retiring from active business in 2012; additionally Larry – a fierce defender of property rights - was hired by the Greater Madison Board of Realtors and worked as their Government Affairs Director throughout the 1990's; and

WHEREAS Larry was born in Rockford Illinois on October 18th, 1939, the only child of Bob and Marion Gleasman; he attended the University of Northern Illinois and later Milton College in Milton before moving to Madison in the mid-1960s; and Larry is remembered as a gregarious, trustworthy, and honest man who enjoyed and respected people and lively political discourse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby pays its respects to our departed colleague and extends its sympathies to his family and to his many friends, and we join them in mourning the loss of our former colleague who gave so unselfishly to our community.