2023 SESSION

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 302

Celebrating the life of William Henry Gill.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2023

WHEREAS, William Henry Gill, an esteemed public servant who was serving as mayor and town manager of the Town of La Crosse at the time of his passing, died on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lunenburg County, William "Billy" Gill worked for the Electrical Equipment Company in South Hill and later made his home in the Town of La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, Billy Gill had proudly served the Town of La Crosse since 2010, starting as a member of the La Crosse Planning Commission and Town Council, then taking the reins as mayor a few years later and ultimately acting in the capacity of both mayor and town manager; and

WHEREAS, Billy Gill's devotion to the Town of La Crosse was evident to all who knew him, and he worked tirelessly to help the town grow and develop and to support its citizens and employees; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 40 years, Billy Gill dedicated himself to the well-being and safety of his community as a member of the Southside Rescue Squad (SSRS), serving as a shock trauma tech and as one of the founding members of the SSRS dive team; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many years of service, Billy Gill was presented the Harvey Drew Crowder Memorial Award by the SSRS in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Billy Gill will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 23 years, Julie Lynn; his children, Chris and Laure, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of William Henry Gill, a cherished member of the La Crosse community whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of William Henry Gill as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.