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**WALKER STATEMENT ON PASSING OF  
HALES CORNERS VILLAGE PRESIDENT JIM RYAN**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker issued the following statement after receiving news of the passing of Jim Ryan:

“Jim Ryan was a great man. I got to know him years ago while working at the American Red Cross. Next, I worked with him when he was the head of the Milwaukee Regional Medical Complex and I represented that area in the State Assembly. Later, I saw his passion working as the head of Penfield Children’s Center.

In 2002, Jim and I both ran for County Executive. Between the primary and general elections, we had so many debates and forums that we joked that we saw more of each other than our wives. He was always a gentleman and was a joy to share the stage with in those forums.

After the election, Jim continued to work with me in his role as the Village President of Hales Corners, head of a premier non-profit service agency, and as a general leader in the community. His leadership gave us the Education and Visitor Center from the Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens. Plus, Jim worked on so many other issues of significant importance to local governments in Milwaukee County.

The definition of a true public servant defined his tenure on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and as the Hales Corners Village President. He is an example for all in public office to follow with his passion for new ideas and his ability to work well with others.

Jim Ryan loved his family and he loved his colleagues and co-workers. He will be sorely missed but his impact will be felt for generations.”

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