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Friends and former col-
leagues described how they
viewed an exceptional person
who was a dedicated public
official, a family man, a legal pro-
fessional, and who never wavered
in his commitment to do
what was right.

He was a very kind
man, thoughtful person
and a good friend, said
Mark S. Johnson, president
of the Wisconsin Association
of County Commissioners.
He served as a state senator
from 1987 to 1994.

Crooks, a former Green
Bay attorney, will receive
a memorial service at 1 p.m.
on the weekend of Septem-
ber 26 and 27 at the First
Methodist Church in Green Bay.

Crooks had been battling
the progressive brain tumor.

"But that's no surprise for
the dedicated he had for
his family, his wife and
his community," Johnson said.

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Monday, Sept. 21.

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Casa ALBA director earns high honor

Mexican government awards Maczka for her work with immigrants

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The head of Green Bay's Hospital visitors center has been honored by the Mexican government for her work helping immigrant families.

Sister Melania Maczka, who helped found Casa Alba,

RA Maczka in 2012, received the prestigious Orla award during

a ceremony in Chicago last week.

The annual Orla, which translates to "light of the year," is given to individuals who have contributed significantly to the prosperity of Mexico. It is named after the patron saint of Mexico, who is also known as the mother of the Virgin Mary.

Casa ALBA is a nonprofit organization

that provides services to immigrant families in the Green Bay area.

Maczka, 77, founded the organization in 2004 to help immigrant families find resources for their basic needs.

"It's great to be in the spotlight again," Maczka said. "I feel like I'm being recognized for my work."

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