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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

July 3, 2002 – Introduced by COMMITTEE ON SENATE ORGANIZATION. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Philip J. Scherer for his service and
2 thanking him for his contribution to the Transportation Development
3 Association of Wisconsin, Inc., and the people of Wisconsin.

4 Whereas, Philip J. Scherer began his long and illustrious career in
5 transportation planning by serving for approximately 3 years as an associate
6 planner for the city of Racine; and

7 Whereas, he worked for 6 years as a senior planner with the Milwaukee office
8 of a national architectural, engineering, and planning firm, directing many urban
9 and regional planning activities and providing planning assistance on many
10 transportation projects; and

11 Whereas, Phil Scherer then worked for 12 years as the lead senior planner
12 overseeing all functional planning programs at the Northwest Regional Planning
13 Commission, taking full responsibility for the 10-county commission's
14 transportation planning program; and

1 Whereas, he was appointed executive director of the Transportation
2 Development Association of Wisconsin, Inc. (TDA) in February, 1987, and during his
3 time in that position has developed TDA into the preeminent statewide
4 transportation association, which is recognized statewide and nationally for its
5 knowledge, expertise, and balanced approach to the promotion and improvement of
6 all modes of transportation in Wisconsin and represents over 500 members
7 statewide; and

8 Whereas, during his tenure as executive director of TDA, Phil Scherer has
9 become a trusted advisor and resource to many members of the legislature on
10 transportation issues, known for the factual, unbiased, and thorough information he
11 makes available to assist them in understanding the complex issues associated with
12 transportation policy; and

13 Whereas, over the years he has served on many local, state, and regional boards
14 and committees, including 9 years as a town chairman, as well as service on
15 state-wide highway, rail, aviation, and energy committees; and

16 Whereas, on the national level, Philip J. Scherer has served as chairman of the
17 Better Roads and Transportation Council of America, an organization that gave Phil
18 its highest award for excellence in public education efforts relative to transportation;
19 and

20 Whereas, Phil has been recognized for his contributions to transportation in
21 Wisconsin by many organizations, including the National Association of
22 Development Organizations, which recognized Phil with an award for pioneering a
23 program designed to help local officials efficiently and effectively manage their
24 roadway systems - a program that is now being used by hundreds of counties, cities,

1 villages, and towns in the state and that has become commonly known in Wisconsin
2 as the PASER system; and

3 Whereas, Phil Scherer is now retiring from the position of executive director of
4 the TDA - a position that he has held for 15 years; and

5 Whereas, Philip J. Scherer's leadership has made innumerable, significant,
6 and long-lasting improvements to transportation in the state of Wisconsin; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
9 Wisconsin legislature hereby commend and congratulate Philip J. Scherer for his
10 service, thank him for his contribution to TDA, and wish him the best of luck in his
11 future endeavors; and, be it further

12 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
13 resolution to Philip J. Scherer and TDA.

14 (END)