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## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

November 12, 2015 - Introduced by Senators PETROWSKI, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, DARLING, C. LARSON, LASEE, LASSA, LAZICH, OLSEN, RINGHAND, WIRCH and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives SKOWRONSKI, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, BROSTOFF, CZAJA, EDMING, GENRICH, GOYKE, HEBL, HINTZ, JACQUE, JOHNSON, KITCHENS, KNODL, KREMER, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NOVAK, PETERSEN, PETRYK, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SINICKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, VANDERMEER, WEATHERSTON and A. OTT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** Department of Veterans Affairs' 70 years of service to veterans.

2             Whereas, soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Wisconsin began planning for  
3     the return to civilian life of all men and women who were to serve in the armed forces;  
4     and

5             Whereas, in 1943, Wisconsin legislation created the Veterans Recognition  
6     Board to provide medical, hospital, educational, and economic aid to returning  
7     Wisconsin veterans of World War II and their dependents; and

8             Whereas, during the 1945 legislative session the Veterans Recognition Board  
9     and several other state departments concerned with veterans affairs were integrated  
10    into a single department, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, that  
11    combined the powers, duties, and functions previously assigned to the separate  
12    agencies; and

13            Whereas, legislation enacted in 2011 further recognized the importance of the  
14    mission of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans and elevated  
15    the department to the cabinet level; and

