



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 7

February 11, 2013 - Introduced by Representative MURTHA, cosponsored by Senator HARSDORF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of former University of Wisconsin–Stout
2 chancellor Robert S. Swanson.

3 Whereas, Robert S. Swanson was born on October 3, 1924, in Superior,
4 Wisconsin, and died on January 27, 2013, at the age of 88 from complications due to
5 Alzheimer’s disease; and

6 Whereas, Robert S. Swanson enlisted in the armed forces in December 1942 and
7 served in an anti-tank company in France and Germany, receiving the Bronze Star
8 and ending the war as a platoon sergeant; and

9 Whereas, Robert S. Swanson was discharged from the Army in April 1946 and
10 returned to the Stout Institute, receiving both his bachelor’s and master’s degrees
11 from the university that would become UW–Stout; and

12 Whereas, Robert S. Swanson received his doctorate from the University of
13 Minnesota in 1955, while working for UW–Stout; and

1 Whereas, Robert S. Swanson dedicated his adult life to UW–Stout, spending
2 more than 40 years at the school, holding positions as professor and administrator
3 from 1950 to 1972 and as the school’s sixth chancellor from 1972 to 1988; and

4 Whereas, as chancellor, Robert S. Swanson oversaw major academic,
5 enrollment, and physical changes on campus, while reaffirming and also redefining
6 the institution’s historic focus on applied learning and accomplishing his goals with
7 a strong work ethic and congenial nature; and

8 Whereas, during the tenure of Robert S. Swanson, two undergraduate majors,
9 several master’s programs, and six minors were added, especially in new areas
10 focused on serving industry, business, and the human services fields; and

11 Whereas, the physical campus was expanded from 113 to 118 acres with six new
12 buildings, including the library, Heritage Hall, Applied Arts, and Memorial Student
13 Center, with several buildings being renovated and expanded, including a \$4.4
14 million addition to Johnson Fieldhouse; and

15 Whereas, in November 2007 the library was renamed to honor Robert S.
16 Swanson, and today the building is known as the Robert S. Swanson Library and
17 Learning Center; and

18 Whereas, Robert S. Swanson was active in the Menomonie community, serving
19 as president of the Menomonie Rotary Club and president of the Menomonie School
20 Board, as well as being a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts
21 of America; and

22 Whereas, Robert S. Swanson in 1992 was named Menomonie Citizen of the Year
23 by the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce; and

