



2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 74

January 24, 2006 – Introduced by Representative SCHNEIDER, cosponsored by Senators RISSER and ELLIS.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Edward G. Jackamonis.

2 Whereas, Edward G. Jackamonis was born on October 19, 1939, in New Britain,
3 Connecticut, and died on January 22, 2006, in Milwaukee; and

4 Whereas, Edward G. Jackamonis earned a B.A. degree with honors from
5 Northeastern University, Boston, in 1962; and an M.S. degree from the University
6 of Wisconsin-Madison in 1964; and

7 Whereas, Edward G. Jackamonis married Barbara Bastenbeck in August 1962;
8 and

9 Whereas, before his election to the Wisconsin assembly, Edward G. Jackamonis
10 was an instructor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha where
11 he intended to teach politics rather than getting into it; and

12 Whereas, Edward G. Jackamonis was first elected to the Wisconsin assembly
13 in 1970, serving in the 1971 through 1981 sessions; and

14 Whereas, before his election to leadership positions, Edward G. Jackamonis
15 served on the State Affairs Committee (chairperson, 1973), Environmental Quality

1 Resources (vice-chairperson, 1973), Joint Legislative Council, and the National
2 Conference of State Legislatures Ad Hoc Cable Television Committee (1974); and

3 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Edward G. Jackamonis was
4 elected speaker pro tempore (1975 session) and became known for his knowledge of
5 the rules of the legislature; and

6 Whereas, Mr. Jackamonis was subsequently elected speaker of the assembly for
7 the 1977 through 1981 sessions; and

8 Whereas, during his tenure as speaker, Edward G. Jackamonis was an efficient,
9 businesslike leader of the assembly who focused on improving the internal
10 operations of the assembly; and

11 Whereas, political columnist John Wyngaard termed Edward G. Jackamonis
12 “one of the most effective speakers” in Wisconsin history; and

13 Whereas, as speaker, Edward G. Jackamonis streamlined assembly
14 administrative and management procedures and was a fierce defender of the
15 authority of the legislative branch; and

16 Whereas, after his retirement from the legislature, Mr. Jackamonis became the
17 executive director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority
18 (1983 to 1987); director of the Program Development Group of the New York State
19 Assembly (1988 to 1991); deputy city director of administration for the city of
20 Milwaukee (1991 to 1994); and an employee of the Milwaukee Department of Public
21 Works (1994 to 1999); now, therefore, be it

22 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
23 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Edward G.
24 Jackamonis contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his
25 death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

