



2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

April 13, 2007 – Introduced by Senators ROESSLER, S. FITZGERALD, COGGS, DARLING, GROTHMAN, KANAVAS, KAPANKE, KEDZIE, LAZICH, LEHMAN, LEIBHAM, OLSEN, SCHULTZ and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives TOWNSEND, VOS, ALBERS, BERCEAU, BIES, BOYLE, FRISKE, GRONEMUS, GUNDRUM, HONADEL, HUBLER, JESKEWITZ, JORGENSEN, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KREUSER, F. LASEE, LEMAHIEU, LOTHIAN, MASON, NELSON, NYGREN, A. OTT, OWENS, PARISI, POPE-ROBERTS, PRIDEMORE, RICHARDS, SCHNEIDER, SHERIDAN, SHERMAN, SINICKI, STASKUNAS, STONE, TOLES, TRAVIS, TURNER, VUKMIR, M. WILLIAMS, YOUNG, ZEPNICK, ZIEGELBAUER, SUDER, VRUWINK, MONTGOMERY, BALLWEG, HINTZ, NASS, HEBL, KRUSICK and PETERSEN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** Secretary John A. Scocos.

2 Whereas, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary John A. Scocos
3 first enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1979 and continues in the U.S. Army Reserves as
4 a colonel serving as military assistant in the Office of the Secretary of the Army at
5 the Pentagon; and

6 Whereas, John. A. Scocos first joined the Wisconsin Department of Veterans
7 Affairs in 1997 as the department's executive assistant and served as executive
8 assistant until 2001; and

9 Whereas, John A. Scocos served the legislature as a legislative assistant in the
10 senate and as sergeant-at-arms and chief clerk of the assembly; and

11 Whereas, John A. Scocos rejoined the Wisconsin Department of Veterans
12 Affairs as deputy secretary in 2002 and became secretary in 2003; and

13 Whereas, during his time as secretary, John A. Scocos worked with the
14 legislature to create and develop the new Wisconsin GI bill, the VetEd program, the

1 Wisconsin veterans and surviving spouses property tax credit, and numerous other
2 programs that will assist veterans and their families throughout the state; and

3 Whereas, Secretary Scocos continues to provide a high level of quality service
4 to both the legislature and veterans throughout the state and has earned the 2006
5 Wisconsin State Department of the American Legion Leadership Medal, the 2006
6 Wisconsin State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America Distinguished Service
7 Award, and the 2006 Disabled American Veterans Distinguished Service Award,
8 each of which is the highest award given by these organizations; and

9 Whereas, John is devoted to his wife, Kelly, and children, Chloe, Andreas, and
10 Costa; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
12 Wisconsin legislature commend Secretary John A. Scocos for his exemplary service
13 to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and salute him as he returns to
14 active duty military service in Iraq.

15 (END)