



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 104

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Richard (Dick) Bolender.

2             Whereas, Richard “Dick” Bolender was born on January 12, 1943, in South  
3     Milwaukee, and died on December 11, 2011, in Oak Creek at the age of 68; and

4             Whereas, Dick was a lifelong resident of Milwaukee County, graduating from  
5     South Milwaukee High School and then the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater,  
6     and working almost every day on his farm, tending to his horses and cows on one of  
7     the few remaining farms in the area; and

8             Whereas, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserves upon graduating from  
9     UW–Whitewater, and was stationed close to home at the 440th in Milwaukee, and  
10    in 1970 began his 36–year career with American Family; and

11            Whereas, Dick served the city of Oak Creek as an elected official for nearly a  
12    decade, first as alderman of the 4th District, serving from 2002 to 2003, and then as  
13    mayor for three terms from 2003 to 2011; and

14            Whereas, during his tenure as mayor of Oak Creek, Dick was instrumental in  
15    many redevelopment projects, including the 85–acre former Delphi site, opening the

