

State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Joint Resolution 12

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of John Herschel Glenn Jr.

Whereas, John Herschel Glenn Jr. led a full life, devoted to his family, friends, state, and country, including serving four terms as a member of the United States Senate; and

Whereas, John was born on July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, Ohio, and earned an engineering degree from Muskingum College; and

Whereas, John served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 to 1965 defending our country during World War II and the Korean conflict; and

Whereas, John married his loving wife, Annie (Castor) Glenn in 1943, raising two children together during their marriage of more than 73 years; and

Whereas, John set a speed record as an airplane test pilot in 1957 by flying from Los Angeles to New York in under three and a half hours; and

Whereas, John was selected by NASA to join the original group of astronauts named the Mercury Seven, which eventually led him to become the first American to orbit the Earth during his exploration on the *Friendship 7* on February 20, 1962; and

Whereas, John earned the title of colonel in the United States Marine Corps and retired from service in 1965; and

Whereas, John turned to public service by representing the state of Ohio in the United States Senate between 1974 and 1999; and

Whereas, John went back to space in 1998 aboard the space shuttle *Discovery*, making him the oldest person to fly in space; and

Whereas, John received numerous awards for his service such as the NASA Distinguished Service Medal in 1962, the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011, the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama in 2012, and six Distinguished Flying Cross awards along with many others; and

Whereas, John passed away on December 8, 2016, surrounded by his loving family, leaving behind his wife, Annie, his daughter Carolyn and son John, and two grandchildren, as well as a legacy of space exploration and service to others; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature join all Wisconsin residents in honoring the life and achievements of John Herschel Glenn Jr. and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to John's wife, Annie, and to his children Carolyn Ann Glenn and John David Glenn.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Roger Roth
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk