

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81

October 25, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives PLALE, WALKER and COLON, cosponsored by Senators BURKE and FARROW. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of George Reedy.
2	Whereas, George Reedy was born on August 5, 1917, in East Chicago, Indiana,
3	and died on March 21, 1999, at St. John's Nursing Home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
4	at the age of 81; and
5	Whereas, Mr. Reedy graduated with a Bachelor's degree in sociology from the
6	University of Chicago in 1938; and
7	Whereas, after graduation, Mr. Reedy joined the Washington Bureau of The
8	United Press as a reporter covering Congress and government agencies; and
9	Whereas, he served in the Army Air Forces during World War II as a radar
10	intelligence officer and participated in bombing missions in the Pacific theatre; and
11	Whereas, Mr. Reedy served as a special assistant to Vice President Lyndon
12	Johnson, as press secretary after Johnson became President in 1964, and as a special
13	consultant to the White House on labor matters in 1968; and
14	Whereas, he was selected to be the dean of the Marquette University School of
15	Journalism in 1971, served as the Neiman Professor of Journalism, resigned the

1	deanship in 1977 to concentrate on full-time teaching and research, but retained the
2	academic chair until 1990 when he became professor emeritus, and continued to
3	teach and write at Marquette University until 1996; and
4	Whereas, Mr. Reedy wrote 7 books, including a 1982 memoir of President
5	Johnson, in which he warned that the presidency was endangered if American
6	leaders become insulated and isolated from the people; and
7	Whereas, Mr. Reedy was a passionate and literate defender of the watchdog role
8	of the media in modern society, a popular and well–loved teacher, and touched the
9	lives of many through his work as a reporter, author and lecturer; now, therefore, be
10	it
11	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
12	Wisconsin legislature commend Mr. George Reedy's many years of devoted public
13	service, express their sorrow at his death and extend their condolences to his family
14	and friends; and, be it further
15	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
16	resolution to Mr. Reedy's sons, Michael Reedy, of Stoughton, WI, and William Reedy,
17	of Moretown, VT.
18	(END)