

2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

February 20, 2001 – Introduced by Senators Schultz, Cowles, Farrow, Baumgart and Darling, cosponsored by Representatives Loeffelholz, Freese, Johnsrud, Albers, Gunderson, Ladwig, Turner, Vrakas, Wade, Gronemus, Owens, Krawczyk and Petrowski. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Helmar A. Lewis.
2	Whereas, Helmar A. "Pete" Lewis was born in McFarland on February 7, 1900,
3	and died in Beloit on March 6, 1999; and
4	Whereas, after serving in the army in World War I, and working as a laborer
5	and farmer, Helmar Lewis attended the University of Wisconsin, receiving his law
6	degree in 1928; and
7	Whereas, he established his law practice in Boscobel, where he served as city
8	attorney from 1930 to 1932, as Grant County district attorney from 1933 to 1937, and
9	as mayor of Boscobel from 1939 to 1944; and
10	Whereas, he was elected in 1940 to represent the 16th District in the Wisconsin
11	senate; and
12	Whereas, throughout his tenure in the senate, he was a member of the joint
13	committee on finance, serving as senate chairman of that body during the 1943
14	legislative session; and

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1	Whereas, Helmar Lewis resigned from the senate in May 1944 to become an
2	attorney for the Office of Price Administration in La Crosse; and
3	Whereas, after World War II he accepted a position as legal counsel for the
4	Wisconsin public service commission, where he served until his retirement in 1965;
5	and
6	Whereas, after his retirement Helmar Lewis remained active in community
7	affairs both in Wisconsin and in Florida, his winter home; now, therefore, be it
8	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
9	Wisconsin legislature acknowledge the long years of service to Wisconsin by Helmar
10	Lewis; and, be it further
11	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
12	resolution to Mr. Lewis's daughter, Luanne Larson.
13	(END)