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2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

November 14, 2001 – Introduced by Senator Burke, cosponsored by Representatives Young, Riley and Coggs. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: the life and public service of Judge Stanley A. Miller. 1 2 Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller was born on January 13, 1947, in New York, 3 New York and passed away on November 4, 2001, in Milwaukee; and 4 Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller received an associate degree in corrections administration from Manhattan Community College, a bachelor's degree from the 5 6 John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 1968, a master's degree in social work from New York University in 1970, and a law degree from the University of 7 Wisconsin-Madison Law School in 1974; and 8 9 Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller was in private law practice from 1974 to 1981 10 when he joined the Milwaukee County Institutions and Departments as principal 11 assistant corporation counsel and legal counsel; and 12 Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller was named a Milwaukee County court

commissioner in 1984, appointed to the municipal court in Milwaukee in 1988 by the

Milwaukee common council, and appointed to the Milwaukee County circuit court

by Governor Tommy Thompson in 1992 from which he retired in September 2001; and

Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller was very active in the community as a member of the NAACP and the Sherman Park Community Association and served on a number of boards including Pius XI High School, Community Brainstorming Conference, and St. Thomas More Lawyer's Society; and

Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller has been a trailblazer his entire life: as a 2nd-year law student he became the first African-American elected president of the Student Bar Association and was one of the first African-Americans to run for the Wisconsin supreme court; and

Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller mentored and encouraged other African-American attorneys to become members of the bench; and

Whereas, Judge Stanley A. Miller's unique and insightful judicial philosophy set him apart from many of his colleagues, in that he consistently "stressed prevention in dealing with crime and voiced his concern about the social environment that is allowing an increasing number of African–American youth to become caught in the web of crime and the criminal justice system"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the life of Stanley A. Miller as a thoughtful, compassionate jurist, mourn his passing, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Judge Stanley A. Miller's wife, Barbara Holzmann, to his children, Stanley Miller II, Steven Miller, and Joshua Holzmann, all of Milwaukee; to his

- 1 mother, Wilhelmina Miller; to his sister, Beverly; and to his brothers, Ron Miller and
- 2 Raymond Miller, all of New York City.

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