



2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 45

September 18, 2003 - Introduced by Representative MUSSER, cosponsored by Senator BROWN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Raymond G. Boland on his retirement
2 as secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 Whereas, Raymond G. Boland enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard
4 in January 1956 and began his active-duty military career in 1961 when the
5 national guard's 32nd Infantry Division was mobilized for the "Berlin Crisis"; and

6 Whereas, Ray proudly served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for 30
7 years and served 2 tours of combat duty in Vietnam as an army aviator and
8 commander of an attack helicopter unit; and

9 Whereas, Colonel Ray Boland returned to Wisconsin and honorably served as
10 U.S. Army installation commander at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, from 1988 to 1991 and
11 retired from the military; and

12 Whereas, Raymond G. Boland was appointed secretary of the Wisconsin
13 Department of Veterans Affairs in 1992 and was the first Vietnam War veteran to
14 hold this position; and

