



2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 76

November 6, 2007 - Introduced by Representatives GUNDRUM, ZEPNICK and GRIGSBY. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Jim Ryan.

2 Whereas, Jim Ryan served as the Hales Corners Village President from 1988
3 to 2007; and

4 Whereas, in addition to serving as village president, Jim served the community
5 on the Milwaukee County Board from 1980 to 1983 and as a Hales Corners village
6 trustee from 1976 to 1980; and

7 Whereas, Jim graduated from Marquette University in 1965 with a degree in
8 philosophy and sociology, received a master's degree from Loyola University in social
9 work in 1967, and received a certificate from the Government Executive Program at
10 the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University; and

11 Whereas, Jim was active in the Hales Corners community in many other
12 capacities, including service with the American Red Cross, the Whitnall Park Rotary,
13 and the Boerner Botanical Gardens Board of Directors; and

14 Whereas, Jim's work extended beyond the bounds of his hometown through his
15 involvement in the Birth to 3 Program, his help founding the Wisconsin Alliance for

1 Infant Mental Health, and his help creating the School Readiness Philanthropy
2 Group; and

3 Whereas, Jim served as president and CEO of both the Penfield Children's
4 Center and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center, Inc.; and

5 Whereas, Jim was honored and admired by those with whom he worked; and

6 Whereas, Jim's greatest contribution was as a devoted and loving husband and
7 father; and

8 Whereas, Jim's accomplishments will be recognized by future generations, as
9 the Village of Hales Corners Hall has been renamed and rededicated the James R.
10 Ryan Municipal Building; and

11 Whereas, Jim passed away on November 6, 2007, following a fruitful lifetime
12 of service to his home and community; now, therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
14 Wisconsin legislature commend the many accomplishments that Jim Ryan
15 contributed to this state and to his community, express their sorrow at his death, and
16 extend their heartfelt condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
18 resolution to Jim's wife, Lisa, and his four children, Jimmy, John, Kristen, and
19 Cathryn.

20 (END)