



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 7

February 5, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, STASKUNAS, POCAN, A. WILLIAMS, HEBL, PASCH, CULLEN, FIELDS, GRIGSBY and BARCA, cosponsored by Senators LEHMAN, SULLIVAN, COGGS, MILLER, WIRCH and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Judge Ted E. Wedemeyer, Jr.

2             Whereas, the Honorable Ted E. Wedemeyer, Jr., departed this life on July 23,  
3     2008; and

4             Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 30,  
5     1932, graduated from Marquette High School and the College of the Holy Cross,  
6     earned his law degree from Marquette University, and earned a master's degree in  
7     taxation from the John Marshall School of Law; and

8             Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer served with distinction in the United States Air  
9     Force; and

10            Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer assisted in establishing the municipal court  
11     system in the city of Milwaukee in 1975, served as a municipal judge in that system,  
12     was appointed by Governor Schreiber to the circuit court in Milwaukee County in  
13     1977, and was elected to the court of appeals in 1982, eventually serving as the  
14     presiding judge of District I; and

1           Whereas, during his judicial career, Judge Wedemeyer was actively involved in  
2 changing the court system to include night court and the municipal court, onsite  
3 court hearings and building code violations inspections, and a pilot study of cameras  
4 in the courtroom in Wisconsin; and

5           Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer made important contributions to the community  
6 as chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals in Milwaukee, as trustee of the Milwaukee  
7 Library System, as president of the Wisconsin Children’s Service Society, as  
8 president of the Milwaukee Kickers, and as a member of the board of directors of the  
9 Wisconsin Soccer Association, Junior Achievement, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and  
10 Wisconsin Correctional Services; and

11           Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer was a founder and tireless promoter of youth  
12 soccer, particularly in his work developing the Milwaukee Kickers; and

13           Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer actively supported the German ethnic community  
14 in Milwaukee, serving as president of Goethe Haus Milwaukee, being involved in the  
15 Hessian Society of Wisconsin, and being a member of and performer with the  
16 Muellers German dance troupe; and

17           Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer was actively involved in the Wisconsin Easter Seal  
18 Society, St. Thomas More High School, the Milwaukee Christian Center, Volunteers  
19 of America, St. Joseph’s Foundation, the American Legion, the Ancient Order of  
20 Hibernians, and the Wings of Corporate Mercy and was a member of the Fourth  
21 Degree Knights of Columbus; and

22           Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer was a founding member of the State Bar of  
23 Wisconsin Appellate Practice Section and served as one of its early chairs and,  
24 through work with the Judicial Council Appellate Procedure Committee, initiated  
25 many positive changes in state appellate practice rules; and

1           Whereas, Judge Wedemeyer was a friend and mentor to countless judges and  
2 lawyers throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

3           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
4 Wisconsin legislature honor Judge Ted E. Wedemeyer, Jr., for his decades of public  
5 service and positive contribution to the development of the law and the fabric of the  
6 community in the city and county of Milwaukee and Wisconsin; and, be it further

7           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
8 resolution to Ted E. Wedemeyer's wife, Susan Wedemeyer, and to his sister, Suzanne  
9 McKee.

10

(END)