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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 41

May 27, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives WACHS, BERNIER, T. LARSON, PETRYK, MASON, DANOU, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, BOWEN, BERCEAU, SUBECK, MURPHY and BROSTOFF, cosponsored by Senators VINEHOUT, MOULTON, CARPENTER, HARSDORF, MARKLEIN, LASSA and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and contributions of David Duax.

2 Whereas, David Duax was born in Eau Claire on February 1, 1944, and passed
3 away on April 17, 2015; and

4 Whereas, he graduated from Eau Claire Memorial in 1962, where he
5 participated in debate and won third place at the Little Nationals Debate
6 Tournament; and

7 Whereas, he earned a B.S. in Political Science from UW–Eau Claire, where he
8 also served on the Student Senate and as the chair of the 10th District Young
9 Republicans; and

10 Whereas, he later attended the University of Wisconsin Law School; and

11 Whereas, in 1972 David Duax ran for state assembly at the age of 28; and

12 Whereas, David served on the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors from
13 1974–1983, and served for a period of time as chair; and

1 Whereas, in 1980 he was appointed by Governor Lee Dreyfus to be the first
2 chairman of the Governor’s Task Force on County Government Organization and
3 Administration; and

4 Whereas, David held a number of different positions in the administration of
5 Governor Tommy Thompson between 1987 and 1994, including overseeing the Ethan
6 Allen School for Boys and the Lincoln Hills Detention Center; and

7 Whereas, he was named the administrator of the State Division of Youth
8 Services in 1989; and

9 Whereas, he later served as Director of Development and Communication at
10 Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire; and

11 Whereas, he was a member of the Eau Claire City Council since 2005 and had
12 recently been reelected to another term; and

13 Whereas, in 2008 he authored the city-wide smoking ban ordinance, which
14 when passed made Eau Claire the fifth city in Wisconsin to go smoke-free; and

15 Whereas, he created and chaired the Joint Committee of Shared Services,
16 which brought together the Eau Claire Area School Board, the county board, and city
17 government; and

18 Whereas, David was a strong supporter of aviation and the Chippewa Valley
19 Regional Airport, served on the Chippewa Valley Airport Commission, and also
20 served as the President of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame; and

21 Whereas, David admired “Fighting Bob” La Follette and emulated his
22 progressive service; and

23 Whereas, he had a great respect for those he worked with and, at times,
24 disagreed with, bringing a sense a civility to government that others admired; and

