



2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

July 2, 2001 – Introduced by Senators BAUMGART, RISSER, A. LASEE, ROSENZWEIG and MOEN, cosponsored by Representatives LEIBHAM, KESTELL, PLOUFF, MONTGOMERY, KRUG, NASS, GRONEMUS, OWENS, RYBA, GUNDERSON, TURNER, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, J. LEHMAN, MILLER, LIPPERT and SYKORA.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Ernest C. Keppler.

2 Whereas, Ernest C. Keppler was born on April 5, 1918, in Sheboygan,
3 Wisconsin, and died on May 23, 2001; and

4 Whereas, he graduated from Sheboygan High School in 1935; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Keppler married Bertha L. Zurheide on October 21, 1939; and

6 Whereas, he served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II in the
7 Pacific Theater of Operations, attaining the rank of first sergeant, and served again
8 during the Korean Conflict in the Judge Advocate Law Office at Fort McCoy; and

9 Whereas, following World War II, Mr. Keppler returned to the University of
10 Wisconsin–Madison, where he received his law degree in January of 1950; and

11 Whereas, he began his government career as an alderman on the Sheboygan
12 City Council from 1941 to 1945 and 1952 to 1953, and then served as assistant
13 district attorney in 1953 and 1954 for Sheboygan County and as Sheboygan
14 city–county civil defense director from 1956 to 1961; and

