



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 87

October 27, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives RICHARDS, TURNER, PASCH, BERCEAU, TOWNSEND, YOUNG, FIELDS and GRIGSBY, cosponsored by Senators TAYLOR, PLALE, MILLER and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Reuben K. Harpole, Jr.

2             Whereas, Reuben Harpole has been engaged in the Milwaukee community for  
3     over 50 years as a civil rights activist, mentor, and supporter of educational causes;  
4     and

5             Whereas, Reuben Harpole has earned the monikers “the mayor” and “the  
6     connector” for his strong leadership skills, his dignified manner, and his ability to  
7     bring people together around a common goal; and

8             Whereas, Reuben Harpole was raised in the diverse Bronzeville neighborhood  
9     of Milwaukee, which helped shape his perspective on the world by raising his  
10    awareness of, and respect for, other cultures; and

11            Whereas, Reuben Harpole is the co-founder of the Center for Urban  
12    Community Development at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee where he spent  
13    31 years, retiring in 1997 from the School of Continuing Education where a  
14    scholarship to help attract African American men into the teaching profession is  
15    named in his honor; and

