



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

April 16, 2010 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, MILLER, ERPENBACH and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives POCAN, BERCEAU, BLACK, PASCH and POPE-ROBERTS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Harriet Shetler.

2 Whereas, Harriet Shetler, advocate for those with mental health needs, passed
3 away on March 30, 2010, at the age of 92; and

4 Whereas, Harriet Jane McCown was born in Leechburg, Pennsylvania, the
5 daughter of a minister and former teacher, loved books and writing from an early age,
6 and turned that interest into a successful career in journalism and teaching; and

7 Whereas, Harriet was married to Charles W. Shetler for 67 years and together,
8 they raised two children, Jane S. Ross (Richard) and Charles R. Shetler; and

9 Whereas, Harriet's advocacy for mental health began when she was faced with
10 her son's schizophrenia diagnosis; and

11 Whereas, as she was looking to learn from others who had family members with
12 mental health needs, Harriet was introduced to Beverly Young; and

13 Whereas, together, they held the first meeting of the Alliance for the Mentally
14 Ill in April 1977, which was attended by 13 people and within six months, the
15 organization had 75 members; and

