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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

June 23, 2017 - Introduced by Senators FITZGERALD, DARLING, WANGGAARD, HARSDF, PETROWSKI, COWLES, MOULTON, NASS and VUKMIR, cosponsored by Representatives VOS, BARCA, KRUG, STEINEKE, STEFFEN, TRANEL, VORPAGEL, SPIROS, KOOYENGA, KULP, KITCHENS, ROHRKASTE, HUTTON, FELZKOWSKI, TITTL, GANNON, NYGREN, ALLEN, AUGUST, BALLWEG, BERNIER, BORN, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS, DUCHOW, EDMING, HORLACHER, JACQUE, JAGLER, JARCHOW, KATMA, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KREMER, KUGLITSCH, LOUDENBECK, MACCO, MURPHY, MURSAU, NERISON, NEYLON, NOVAK, OTT, PETERSEN, PETRYK, PRONSCHINSKE, QUINN, RIPP, RODRIGUEZ, SANFELIPPO, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, SNYDER, STAFSHOLT, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, WEATHERSTON, WICHGERS, ZIMMERMAN, BERCEAU, VRUWINK and SARGENT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing November 19 as Tommy G. Thompson Day in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, Governor Tommy George Thompson, a man dedicated to the service
3 of his state and country, has worked throughout his life to advance the public good,
4 having been employed as an attorney and having served in both the Wisconsin Army
5 National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves, as a Wisconsin state representative,
6 as governor of Wisconsin, and as United States Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services; and

8 Whereas, Governor Thompson served with honor and distinction and was
9 elected to four terms as the governor of Wisconsin, a record unsurpassed in the
10 history of Wisconsin governors; and

11 Whereas, in 1987, when Tommy Thompson was inaugurated governor, he
12 inherited a complex state with diverse interests and economic needs; and

13 Whereas, Governor Thompson worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold,
14 groundbreaking agenda of welfare reform, school choice, and health care reform,

1 which led to an unprecedented reduction in welfare in Wisconsin and a rebuilding
2 of Wisconsin's economy; and

3 Whereas, Governor Thompson pioneered the first welfare-to-work
4 law—Wisconsin Works, or W2—which provided state-supported aid to working
5 families, and ultimately became a national model for welfare reform; and

6 Whereas, Thompson's commitment to an active social policy agenda helped
7 expand the number of low-income, working Wisconsinites who were able to receive
8 health care coverage; and

9 Whereas, Thompson's dedication to education brought the nation's first school
10 choice program to Wisconsin, broadening education options for all Wisconsin
11 students; and

12 Whereas, Thompson's tireless years of service in Wisconsin government
13 instilled the tradition of civic involvement for all Wisconsinites; and

14 Whereas, Thompson's lifelong dedication to the state of Wisconsin and his
15 never-ending optimism have ensured that Wisconsin has been and always will be
16 moving forward; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
18 Legislature hereby recognizes November 19, 2017, and subsequent yearly
19 anniversaries as "Tommy G. Thompson Day."

20 (END)