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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

August 3, 2017 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, TIFFANY, SHILLING, COWLES, PETROWSKI, MOULTON, OLSEN, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, NASS, RISSER, WIRCH, MARKLEIN and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, BARCA, KRUG, VANDERMEER, KULP, BALLWEG, RIPP, MURSAU, SPIROS, EDMING, SNYDER, ALLEN, ANDERSON, BERCEAU, CONSIDINE, HINTZ, JARCHOW, KUGLITSCH, MURPHY, POPE, SARGENT, SINICKI, SPREITZER, TAUCHEN, VRUWINK, WACHS and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Melvin Robert Laird.

2 Whereas, former Congressman and Secretary of Defense Melvin Robert Laird
3 was born on September 1, 1922, and died on November 16, 2016; and

4 Whereas, Melvin Laird was born to Melvin R. Laird Sr. and Helen (Connor)
5 Laird, was raised and attended school in Marshfield, and graduated from Carleton
6 College in Minnesota; and

7 Whereas, Mr. Laird served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946, serving in the
8 Pacific Fleet with Task Forces 38 and 58, and while serving, he received a Purple
9 Heart and other awards; and

10 Whereas, after leaving the Navy, Mr. Laird continued to pursue a life of public
11 service, first being elected in 1946 to succeed his father in the Wisconsin State
12 Senate, then being elected in 1952 to represent Wisconsin's 7th District in the House
13 of Representatives, which included the areas of Marshfield, Wausau, Wisconsin
14 Rapids, and Stevens Point; and

