



1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 81

February 1, 1996 - Introduced by Representatives BLACK, BALDWIN, R. YOUNG and HANSON, cosponsored by Senator RISSER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Ralph Hanson.

2 Whereas, Ralph Hanson was born on September 25, 1928, in Houlton, Maine,
3 and died on January 21, 1996, in Austin, Texas; and

4 Whereas, Mr. Hanson was a member of the Maine State Police for 10 years and
5 was Ground Safety Director for the U.S. air force at Truax Field for 3 years; and

6 Whereas, he became chief of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Police in
7 1965 and served in that position until his retirement in 1991; and

8 Whereas, his tenure at the university included the Vietnam War years, the most
9 turbulent time in the University's history; and

10 Whereas, the behavior of his force during those times was a model of rational
11 policing and did much to minimize the damage that was done to persons and
12 property; and

13 Whereas, largely due to Chief Hanson, the university was able to remain open,
14 to allow for antiwar protests and to provide as much safety as turbulent conditions
15 and high emotions allowed; and

