



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 24

February 10, 1997 - Introduced by Representative KUNICKI, cosponsored by Senator GROBSCHMIDT. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Martin Eugene Schreiber.

2 *Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:*

3 Whereas, Martin Eugene Schreiber was born on November 11, 1904, in Crystal
4 Lake, Wisconsin, and died at the age of 92 on January 29, 1997; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Schreiber attended Zion Evangelical Lutheran School, Boys Tech
6 and the Wisconsin University Extension-Milwaukee; and

7 Whereas, he began his livelihood as a carpenter apprentice and advanced his
8 horizons by becoming a carpenter foreman, building contractor, real estate agent and
9 director of Surety Savings and Loan; and

10 Whereas, Martin and Emeline Kurtz were united in marriage on January 15,
11 1930, at Zion Church in Milwaukee, and they struggled through the Great
12 Depression together and it was Emeline who encouraged Martin when he spoke of
13 his desire to help people and make a difference; and

1 Whereas, Mr. Schreiber was elected to the state assembly in 1942 and
2 concentrated his efforts on planning postwar employment for soldiers and fighting
3 for the safety of children in state-run institutions; and

4 Whereas, in 1944 he was elected alderman of Milwaukee's 7th Ward and
5 became council president in 1956, a post he held for 12 years; and

6 Whereas, he was described by the *Milwaukee Journal* as "one of the hardest
7 working aldermen in government" with the "ability to conciliate in touchy situations,
8 to bring opposing forces together" and as having a "knowledge of the working of
9 Milwaukee's government that few others possess"; and

10 Whereas, other than a loss for the assembly in 1940 he never lost an election
11 nor did he ever lose his desire to help people; and

12 Whereas, Mr. Schreiber retired in 1976 after 34 years of public service; and

13 Whereas, Martin and Emeline had 3 children; Betty, Martin and Robert; and
14 were blessed with 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; and

15 Whereas, Martin was devoted to his family and was noted for his sense of
16 humor, happy times with the banjo and piano and his love of Lake Ellen; and

17 Whereas, as a church member, he held many offices at Zion and, after joining
18 Emmaus, was a leading advocate of this inner city church and school; and

19 Whereas, Martin's wife, Emeline, suffered a severe stroke in April 1989,
20 requiring care at the Lutheran Home, and Martin visited her daily until her death
21 that December, after nearly 60 years of marriage; and

22 Whereas, Martin carried on until he himself needed assisted-living at
23 Harwood and then total care at the Lutheran Home; now, therefore, be it

24 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
25 Wisconsin legislature salute the many years of devoted public service that Martin

1 Eugene Schreiber rendered to the people of this state, express their sorrow at his
2 death and extend their condolences to his family and fiends; and, be it further

3 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
4 resolution to Martin's children; Betty, Martin and Robert.

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(END)