



2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

May 30, 2001 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, WIRCH, ROSENZWEIG, BURKE, PANZER, ERPENBACH, COWLES, HUELSMAN, ROESSLER, GROBSCHMIDT, HARSDFORF, HANSEN and BAUMGART, cosponsored by Representatives KRUG, SUDER, POCAN, FREESE, HAHN, STARZYK, TRAVIS, RYBA, TOWNSEND, LA FAVE, BOYLE, WOOD, OWENS, MILLER, BOCK, LADWIG, M. LEHMAN, J. LEHMAN, HUEBSCH, BERCEAU, PLALE, PLOUFF, JESKEWITZ, POWERS, LIPPERT, LASSA, SYKORA, OTT, VRAKAS and PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** Gary Watchke's retirement following an exemplary career as a
2 legislative analyst in the service of the Wisconsin legislature.

3 Whereas, Gary Watchke served the Wisconsin legislature as a legislative
4 analyst in the Legislative Reference Bureau from August 1, 1969, to April 30, 2001;
5 and

6 Whereas, Gary Watchke was born on February 5, 1940, in New Ulm,
7 Minnesota, and received degrees from Mankato State University and the University
8 of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and

9 Whereas, he has devoted his professional life to providing the legislature with
10 accurate and impartial information on a wide array of issues, and to providing the
11 people of Wisconsin with a greater understanding of their legislature; and

12 Whereas, his diligent and patient work with legislators and staff in collecting
13 biographical information and photographs of legislators for the *Wisconsin Blue Book*
14 made him one of the most knowledgeable authorities on the men and women who
15 have served in the legislature over the past 30 years, and he worked tirelessly at the

