



2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

January 24, 2002 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, ERPENBACH, PLACHE, GROBSCHMIDT and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives BOYLE, SINICKI, MILLER, BLACK, KRUG, BERCEAU, HAHN, MUSSER, TRAVIS, TURNER, OWENS, POCAN, PLALE, J. LEHMAN, LASSA, MEYERHOFER, SYKORA and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Roy Kubista.

2 Whereas, Roy Kubista, the last surviving member who signed the American
3 Federation of Labor charter granted to the American Federation of State, County
4 and Municipal Employees in 1936, died on September 14, 2001, at age 90; and

5 Whereas, Roy's work over the course of a 70-year career with AFSCME touched
6 the lives of hundreds of thousands of public employees in Wisconsin; and

7 Whereas, Roy received his master's degree in economics from the University of
8 Wisconsin-Madison in 1934; and

9 Whereas, Roy then became a researcher at what was then the Wisconsin State
10 Employees Association; and in 1935, he was elected the first secretary-treasurer of
11 the AFSCME International Union, a position that he held until 1936, when he
12 agreed to take over temporarily as executive secretary of the Wisconsin State
13 Employees Association, AFSCME Council 24, where he stayed until 1970; and

14 Whereas, much of Roy's time was spent lobbying to create a retirement system
15 for state employees; and he helped draft the 1943 Wisconsin employee pension plan,

