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2003 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 10

March 21, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives RICHARDS, YOUNG, MILLER, GIELOW, SINICKI, KRUG, POPE-ROBERTS, LOEFFELHOLZ, HAHN, BIES and PLOUFF. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the devoted public service that Joy Teschner contributed
2 to this state and her community.

3 Whereas, Joy Teschner began her love of nature when her relatives turned their
4 homestead near Prairie du Chien at the junction of the Mississippi and Wisconsin
5 rivers over to the state of Wisconsin in the early 1900's so it could become Wyalusing
6 State Park; and

7 Whereas, in 1945 she and her husband, Richard, moved to Whitefish Bay where
8 Joy became the first woman to be elected to the Whitefish Bay village board; and

9 Whereas, the Teschner's moved to Mequon where Joy helped to initiate the
10 campaign to incorporate the suburb into a city, and she became the first female
11 member of the Mequon common council, the Ozaukee County board, and the
12 Ozaukee County park commission; and

13 Whereas, Joy Teschner served on the Milwaukee County parks commission
14 from 1971 to 1978, including a 2-year stint as president, the first woman to hold the
15 office; and

1 Whereas, Joy Teschner was a co-founder of The Park People, a nonprofit
2 organization formed in 1977, whose mission is to promote stewardship of county
3 parks and to preserve and enhance green space; and

4 Whereas, after Joy Teschner moved into the city of Milwaukee, she became a
5 vital member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee and was a tireless
6 advocate for urban neighborhoods and green space; and

7 Whereas, Joy Teschner was a trailblazer for women’s rights and was active in
8 the League of Women Voters and Planned Parenthood; and

9 Whereas, Joy Teschner died Saturday, February 8, 2003, at the age of 93; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
12 commend the devoted public service that Joy Teschner contributed to this state and
13 her community, express their sorrow at her death, and extend their condolences to
14 her family and friends; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
16 to her son, Richard V. Teschner of El Paso, Texas, the residents of St. John’s Home
17 and Towers in Milwaukee, and The Park People of Milwaukee County.

18 (END)