



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 72

September 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives NELSON, HILGENBERG, PARISI, SOLETSKI, ZIGMUNT, GARTHWAITE, BLACK, POCAN, YOUNG, ROYS, JORGENSEN, MILROY, DANOU, BENEDICT, KESSLER, HIXSON, POPE-ROBERTS, HEBL, A. WILLIAMS, GRIGSBY, MOLEPSKE JR., SINICKI, SEIDEL, HRAYCHUCK, VAN AKKEREN, STEINBRINK, TURNER, VRUWINK, SCHNEIDER, HUBLER, ZEPNICK, PASCH, BERNARD SCHABER, CULLEN, CLARK, STASKUNAS, TOLES, BARCA and SHERIDAN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Edward Moore Kennedy.

2             Whereas, Edward Moore “Ted” Kennedy passed away on August 25, 2009; and

3             Whereas, Edward Kennedy was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the youngest  
4 child of Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., and Rose Fitzgerald, and the youngest brother of  
5 President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Eunice Kennedy  
6 Shriver; and

7             Whereas, Edward Kennedy graduated from Harvard University in 1956 and  
8 the University of Virginia School of Law in 1959; and

9             Whereas, Edward Kennedy was recruited by Green Bay Packers Head Coach  
10 Lisle Blackbourn, but declined the offer in order to enter a life of public service; and

11             Whereas, Edward Kennedy successfully ran for the United States Senate in  
12 1962; and

13             Whereas, Edward Kennedy served 45 years in the United States Senate,  
14 holding such positions as Majority Whip, Chairman of the Senate Committee on

1 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and Chairman of the Senate Committee on  
2 the Judiciary; and

3 Whereas, Edward Kennedy was a skilled negotiator and worked in a bipartisan  
4 manner to pass more than 300 bills; and

5 Whereas, Edward Kennedy was a champion of expanding health care coverage,  
6 making college more accessible, protecting civil rights, raising the minimum wage,  
7 and reforming immigration laws; and

8 Whereas, Edward Kennedy valiantly fought terminal brain cancer for more  
9 than a year; and

10 Whereas, Edward Kennedy earned the respect and accolades of his former  
11 colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
13 Wisconsin legislature commemorate the life and public service of Edward Moore  
14 “Ted” Kennedy and mourn his passing.

15 (END)