



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

February 6, 2012 - Introduced by Senators C. LARSON, MILLER and TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives HONADEL, STONE, JORGENSEN, PASCH, TURNER, CRAIG, J. OTT, BROOKS and ZIEGELBAUER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Richard (Dick) Bolender.

2 Whereas, Richard “Dick” Bolender was born on January 12, 1943, in South
3 Milwaukee, and died on December 11, 2011, in Oak Creek at the age of 68; and

4 Whereas, Dick was a lifelong resident of Milwaukee County, graduating from
5 South Milwaukee High School and then the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater,
6 and working almost every day on his farm, tending to his horses and cows on one of
7 the few remaining farms in the area; and

8 Whereas, Dick enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Reserves upon graduating from
9 UW–Whitewater, and was stationed close to home at the 440th in Milwaukee, and
10 in 1970 began his 36–year career with American Family; and

11 Whereas, Dick served the city of Oak Creek as an elected official for nearly a
12 decade, first as alderman of the 4th District, serving from 2002 to 2003, and then as
13 mayor for three terms from 2003 to 2011; and

14 Whereas, during his tenure as mayor of Oak Creek, Dick was instrumental in
15 many redevelopment projects, including the 85–acre former Delphi site, opening the

