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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

March 2, 2017 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, OLSEN, PETROWSKI, L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives TAUCHEN, ANDERSON, CROWLEY, E. BROOKS, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, POPE, SINICKI, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TUSLER, VRUWINK and WACHS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of John Herschel Glenn Jr.

2 Whereas, John Herschel Glenn Jr. led a full life, devoted to his family, friends,
3 state, and country, including serving four terms as a member of the United States
4 Senate; and

5 Whereas, John was born on July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, Ohio, and earned an
6 engineering degree from Muskingum College; and

7 Whereas, John served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1943
8 to 1965 defending our country during World War II and the Korean conflict; and

9 Whereas, John married his loving wife, Annie (Castor) Glenn in 1943, raising
10 two children together during their marriage of more than 73 years; and

11 Whereas, John set a speed record as an airplane test pilot in 1957 by flying from
12 Los Angeles to New York in under three and a half hours; and

13 Whereas, John was selected by NASA to join the original group of astronauts
14 named the Mercury Seven, which eventually led him to become the first American

1 to orbit the Earth during his exploration on the *Friendship 7* on February 20, 1962;
2 and

3 Whereas, John earned the title of colonel in the United States Marine Corps
4 and retired from service in 1965; and

5 Whereas, John turned to public service by representing the state of Ohio in the
6 United States Senate between 1974 and 1999; and

7 Whereas, John went back to space in 1998 aboard the space shuttle *Discovery*,
8 making him the oldest person to fly in space; and

9 Whereas, John received numerous awards for his service such as the NASA
10 Distinguished Service Medal in 1962, the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011, the
11 Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama in 2012, and six
12 Distinguished Flying Cross awards along with many others; and

13 Whereas, John passed away on December 8, 2016, surrounded by his loving
14 family, leaving behind his wife, Annie, his daughter Carolyn and son John, and two
15 grandchildren, as well as a legacy of space exploration and service to others; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
18 Wisconsin legislature join all Wisconsin residents in honoring the life and
19 achievements of John Herschel Glenn Jr. and extend their condolences to his family
20 and friends; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
22 resolution to John's wife, Annie, and to his children Carolyn Ann Glenn and John
23 David Glenn.

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(END)