



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

September 21, 1995 - Introduced by Senators JAUCH, RUDE, ELLIS, FARROW, RISSER, SCHULTZ, FITZGERALD, PANZER, HUELSMAN, MOEN, DECKER, CHVALA, SHIBILSKI, COWLES, ROSENZWEIG, WEEDEN, BUETTNER, A. LASEE, ADELMAN, GEORGE, DRZEWIECKI, ZIEN, DARLING, BRESKE, PETAK, C. POTTER, CLAUSING, WELCH, WINEKE, BURKE, MOORE and ANDREA.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of John Plewa.

2 Whereas, John Plewa was born on September 22, 1945, in Milwaukee and died
3 on September 13, 1995, in Wauwatosa; and

4 Whereas, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and was
5 a teacher at Milwaukee Area Technical College; and

6 Whereas, he was first elected to the assembly in 1972 and was reelected 5 times;
7 and

8 Whereas, in the assembly he served diligently on a number of committees and
9 was the chairperson of the state affairs committee for 4 terms; and

10 Whereas, he was elected to the senate in November 1984 and had served in that
11 body since that time; and

12 Whereas, during his tenure in the senate he was the cochairperson of the joint
13 committee for review of administrative rules and the chairperson of the committee
14 on housing, government operations and cultural affairs and of the committee on
15 business, economic development and urban affairs; and

16 Whereas, Senator Plewa was known as a compassionate and caring legislator,
17 for his willingness to work with his colleagues from both political parties and for his

1 great respect for the legislative process, his colleagues, his constituents, his staff and
2 all of those who were part of the legislature; and

3 Whereas, he was the driving force behind the passage of the landmark
4 Wisconsin Family and Medical Leave Act; and

5 Whereas, John was also known for his efforts to promote awareness of
6 Wisconsin's Polish heritage, such as the passage of annual resolutions that
7 recognized Poland's first constitution; and

8 Whereas, he was a devoted husband and father, always remembering to put
9 family first, taking a moment from busy schedules and the business of the day to
10 acknowledge how important his family, extended family and friends were to him; and

11 Whereas, his life and public service were guided by his strong religious faith;
12 and

13 Whereas, public service was John's life, he was admired for his excellence in
14 constituent relations and his effectiveness and he always made time for his people;
15 and

16 Whereas, he will always be remembered for his sense of humor, pleasant
17 disposition and thoughtfulness despite having to suffer a very serious injury to his
18 back and a long and courageous struggle with cancer; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the senate, the Assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin legislature recognize John Plewa's dedicated public service over more
21 than 2 decades, his courage and his genial personality; express their sorrow at his
22 untimely death; and extend their condolences to his family, his friends and the
23 constituents whom he served so loyally and well; and, be it further

