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FROM: Representative Gary Sherman

DATE: March 24, 1999

Please draft a Joint Resolution commemorating the life and service to the people of the state of Wisconsin of the late Walter Bresette, who died suddenly on February 21, 1999 at the age of 51.

See attached

Thank You  
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Boots:

I want to have a joint resolution drafted commemoration the life and service to the people of the state of Wisconsin of the late Walter Bresette, who died on 21 February 1999 at the age of 51.

Walter distinguished himself in many ways. He was an artist, teacher and well-known public speaker. He was a Vietnam veteran. However, it was as a leader on two significant issues that he was best known.

Walter was one of the State of Wisconsin's most progressive leaders on issues of environmental stewardship. He translated the traditional respect of his own Anishinabe people for the earth into modern and forward-looking ideas for protecting the future of all people. He founded the Lake Superior Greens and was instrumental in founding the Wisconsin Green Party. He proposed the Seventh Generation Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution, which would have written into law a stewardship of the environment.

Walter was also a strong voice for human rights for all people, and in particular the indigenous people of Wisconsin. He founded the Midwest Treaty Network and Anishinabe Nijji, both of which were dedicated to bringing forward the need for respect for the sovereignty of the Wisconsin tribes.

Although he was a forceful advocate, Walter was particularly effective at bringing people together and defusing situation of potential violence. During the confrontations over spear fishing in Northern Wisconsin, it was Walter Bresette who founded Witness for Nonviolence, which trained and organized volunteers to go to the boat landings and work with established peacekeeping methods to diffuse tension and avert violence. Without his efforts, the potential for violence in this bitter dispute would have been much greater.

Walter Bresette was a natural leader who led by example and will. He was a talented and creative man who dedicated his life to the betterment of the natural and human environment in his community. Even those who disagreed strongly with his views respected him for the manner in which he conducted himself. Everyone who lives in the Lake Superior watershed area is indebted to Walter for his tireless efforts.

Walter Bresette was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 1947 in Hayward, Wisconsin and graduated from Bayfield High School in 1964. He served in the United States Army for four years, after which he attended the Chicago school of Art. He is survived by four children, and all of the rest of us.



*Jlg*

# 1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

*Packet  
for assembly*

*Thurs  
9 AM*

1 **Relating to:** the life and service to the people of the state of Wisconsin of Walter  
2 Bresette.

3 Whereas, Walter Bresette died on February 21, 1999, at the age of 51<sup>✓</sup>; and

4 Whereas, Walter distinguished himself in many ways. He was an artist,  
5 teacher and well-known<sup>✓</sup> public speaker. He was a Vietnam<sup>✓</sup> veteran. However, it was  
6 as a leader on <sup>2</sup>~~two~~ significant issues that he was best known; and

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14 Whereas, Walter was also a strong voice for human rights for all people, and in  
15 particular the indigenous people of Wisconsin. He founded the Midwest Treaty

