

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 62

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and service of Gaylord Nelson.

2 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson was born on June 4, 1916, in Clear Lake, Wisconsin;
3 and

4 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson served his nation honorably during World War II,
5 including service in the Okinawa campaign; and

6 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson served for 10 years in the Wisconsin state senate; and

7 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson served 2 terms as governor of Wisconsin; and

8 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson represented the state of Wisconsin in the United
9 States senate for 18 years, from 1962 to 1980; and

10 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson was responsible for legislation creating the national
11 trail system, the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, and the St. Croix Wild and
12 Scenic Riverway; and

13 Whereas, Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day in 1970, an achievement
14 described by American Heritage magazine as “one of the most remarkable
15 happenings in the history of democracy”; and

