

# State of Wisconsin



1999 Assembly Joint Resolution 67

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** the life and public service of former Representative Robert M. Thompson.

Whereas, Robert M. Thompson was born in Madison on November 25, 1927; and

Whereas, he married the former Ruth H. Lanzendorf on August 14, 1948, in Arlington, and was the proud father of Karol (Bob) Tomlinson and grandfather of Eric Tomlinson and Kari Tomlinson; and

Whereas, Bob owned and operated the Columbia Electric in Dekorra for many years; and

Whereas, in 1980 Bob was appointed United States marshal for the Western District of Wisconsin, and during his tenure received the Justice Department's Silver Star for Bravery Award for his management of the nearly 15,000 Cuban refugees during the Cuban deployment at Fort McCoy, and was the highest decorated civilian law enforcement officer in the country at this time; and

Whereas, Robert Thompson, always interested in government, served as chairman of the Dekorra Town Board and served for 9 years on the Columbia County Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, Bob served for 5 terms in the Wisconsin legislature as state representative from the 80th assembly district, and served 3 years as senate sergeant at arms; and

Whereas, Bob served as administrator for the Division of Emergency Government from January 1991 to March 1993, where he brought openness and local government participation to the State Emergency Response Board through the implementation of advisory committees. Under Bob's tenure, the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team System was implemented in the state of Wisconsin and now serves as a model for the nation; and

Whereas, Bob was a fixture at Poynette High School softball games, which were coached by his son-in-law Bob Tomlinson, and helped with batting practice and was like a grandfather to the players, as well as their number one fan; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commend Robert M. Thompson's years of dedicated public service and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Mr. Thompson's wife, Ruth; and to his daughter, Karol.

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Representative Scott R. Jensen  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Charles R. Sanders  
Assembly Chief Clerk

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07-08. A. Introduced by Representatives <b>Schneider, Hahn, Boyle, Travis, Young, Klusman, Underheim, Miller, Kreuser, Brandemuehl, Urban, Porter, Spillner, Owens, Musser, Plouff, Goetsch and Jensen</b> ; cosponsored by Senators <b>Grobschmidt, Cowles and George</b> .	
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July 8, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, HAHN, BOYLE, TRAVIS, YOUNG, KLUSMAN, UNDERHEIM, MILLER, KREUSER, BRANDEMUEHL, URBAN, PORTER, SPILLNER, OWENS, MUSSER, PLOUFF, GOETSCH and JENSEN, cosponsored by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, RISSER, COWLES and GEORGE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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