

1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 34

March 28, 2000 – Introduced by Representative HANDRICK. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending Senator Herb Kohl for his support for an actual
2 enumeration in the 2000 U.S. census.

3 Whereas, the U.S. Constitution requires an actual enumeration of the
4 population every 10 years and entrusts Congress with overseeing all aspects of each
5 decennial enumeration; and

6 Whereas, the Wisconsin state assembly has voted to urge Congress to uphold
7 the U.S. Constitution and oppose an initiative by the Clinton Administration to
8 partially replace actual enumeration with statistical sampling in the 2000 U.S.
9 census; and

10 Whereas, Senator Kohl recognizes the devastating impact that sampling
11 procedures could have on the state of Wisconsin in our efforts to receive our fair share
12 of federal aid; and

13 Whereas, Senator Kohl stated in the *Capital Times* that the sampling scheme
14 was a “desperate attempt to circumvent the recent Supreme Court decision against
15 sampling in the 2000 census” and “The decision to come up with two census counts,

1 one for reapportionment and one for everything else, is confusing and unfair” and
2 “Should the Census Bureau succeed in implementing this plan, Wisconsin could risk
3 losing millions in federal funding”; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the assembly commends Senator Kohl for his
5 opposition to plans to subvert the U.S. Constitution through the use of statistical
6 sampling; and, be it further

7 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly commends Senator Herb Kohl for his support of
8 the U.S. Constitution and for working to protect the interests of Wisconsin residents
9 by putting those interests ahead of the political agenda of his own political party;
10 and, be it further

11 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
12 to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S.
13 house of representatives and to each member of the congressional delegation from
14 this state attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 1999 assembly of the state
15 of Wisconsin.

16 (END)