

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 29

1 **Relating to:** commending Joe Leean for his years of public service in the Wisconsin
2 state senate and the department of health and family services.

3 Whereas, Joe Leean was first elected in 1984 to the Wisconsin state senate; and

4 Whereas in 1993, Joe Leean was named cochairman of the powerful Joint
5 Committee on Finance; and

6 Whereas, Joe Leean was appointed to the post of secretary of health and family
7 services in 1995 by Governor Tommy G. Thompson, and held that position until his
8 retirement on March 10, 2001; and

9 Whereas, Joe Leean was the second longest serving secretary of health and
10 family services since the creation of the department in 1967; and

11 Whereas, since becoming secretary of health and family services, Joe Leean has
12 worked on many major new programs, including “BadgerCare,” which provides
13 health care for low-income working families, and “Family Care,” which is a major
14 reform of the state’s long-term care system; and

