

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, since becoming secretary of health and family services, Joe Leean has worked on many major new programs, including "BadgerCare," which provides health care for low–income working families, and "Family Care," which is a major reform of the state's long–term care system; and

Whereas, Joe Leean has administered Medicaid, the largest program in the state's budget, as well as many other social programs, including adoption, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, child welfare, and programs for the developmentally disabled; and

Whereas, Joe Leean will continue his public service in Washington, D.C., as a temporary consultant to the federal Department of Health and Human Services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin commends Joe Leean for his years of service to the state of Wisconsin and wishes him well as he retires from public life; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Joe Leean.

Senator Fred A. Risser President of the Senate Representative Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Assembly