

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 29

February 13, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives HUNDERTMARK, HUEBSCH, OLSEN, WADE, GUNDRUM, MEYERHOFER, SUDER, OTT, WALKER, GARD, MONTGOMERY, POWERS, MCCORMICK, STARZYK, PLOUFF, LIPPERT, J. LEHMAN, GRONEMUS, URBAN, VRAKAS, KRAWCZYK, STONE, LADWIG, WASSERMAN, OWENS, KEDZIE, KRUG, JESKEWITZ, ALBERS, BALOW, FREESE, GUNDERSON, JENSEN, NASS, COGGS, RYBA, KAUFERT, TOWNSEND, PLALE, PETROWSKI, MILLER and SKINDRUD, cosponsored by Senators WELCH, PANZER, FARROW, ROSENZWEIG, ELLIS, S. FITZGERALD, BRESKE, ZIEN, A. LASEE, LAZICH, RISSER, HARSDORF, DARLING and HUELSMAN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

- 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

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

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

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

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

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