

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 42

March 1, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives KEDZIE, NASS, VRAKAS, BOCK, HUBER, PLOUFF, RHOADES, HEBL, GUNDERSON, KREIBICH, WADE, STONE, SYKORA, SCHNEIDER, MONTGOMERY, RYBA, LADWIG, OLSEN, TURNER, OTT, M. LEHMAN, URBAN, MUSSER, COGGS, D. MEYER, J. LEHMAN, OWENS, RILEY, MILLER, JESKEWITZ and LIPPERT, cosponsored by Senators ROSENZWEIG, SCHULTZ, PLACHE, GROBSCHMIDT, BURKE, S. FITZGERALD, DARLING, GEORGE and DECKER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and accomplishments of Edwin Lee Mathews, Sr.

2 Whereas, Edwin Lee Mathews, Sr., was born on October 13, 1931, in Texarkana,
3 Texas, raised in Santa Barbara, California, and passed away on February 18, 2001,
4 in LaJolla, California; and

5 Whereas, Eddie Mathews played for the Milwaukee Braves as third baseman
6 for 13 seasons and helped lead the Braves to the 1957 World Series title over the New
7 York Yankees; and

8 Whereas, Eddie Mathews became the 7th player in major league history to hit
9 500 home runs, finishing his career with 512 and tied for 13th place on the all-time
10 list; and he hit 30 or more home runs 9 years in a row, reaching the 40-mark on 4
11 occasions; and

12 Whereas, in the Milwaukee Brave's first year in Milwaukee in 1953, Eddie
13 Mathews' 47 home runs for the Braves established a single-season record as he won
14 the National League home run title and led the league again with 46 home runs in
15 1959; and

1 Whereas, in August 1954, Eddie Mathews was featured on the cover of the
2 debut issue of *Sports Illustrated* magazine, hitting a home run at Milwaukee County
3 Stadium; and

4 Whereas, during his time with the Braves, Eddie Mathews and Hank Aaron hit
5 a combined 863 home runs, surpassing the teammate record of 859 established by
6 the New York Yankees' Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig; and

7 Whereas, Eddie Mathews hit 32 home runs and drove in 95 runs in 1965, the
8 Braves' final season before moving to Atlanta and was the only player to play for the
9 Braves in Boston, Milwaukee, and Atlanta; and

10 Whereas, Eddie Mathews finished his career with 2,315 hits, 1,453 runs batted
11 in, 1,509 runs scored, 1,444 walks, and a .271 batting average, and led the National
12 League in home runs twice and was named to 10 all-star teams; and

13 Whereas, he returned to Atlanta to manage the Braves for part of the 1972
14 season, all of the 1973 season, and part of the 1974 season; and

15 Whereas, Eddie Mathews was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1978;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
18 Wisconsin legislature commend the life and achievements of Eddie Mathews, Sr.,
19 express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and
20 friends; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
22 resolution to Mr. Mathews' wife, Judy, and to his children, Eddie, Jr., John, and
23 Stephanie.

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