

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 43

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Blair L. Testin.

2 Whereas, Blair L. Testin was born on March 5, 1930, in Minneapolis,
3 Minnesota, and died at the age of 70 on November 1, 2000, in Middleton, Wisconsin;
4 and

5 Whereas, Mr. Testin graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis in
6 1948 and earned a degree in business administration from the University of
7 Minnesota; and

8 Whereas, Mr. Testin served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1952 to 1954;
9 and

10 Whereas, Mr. Testin was the general manager of a food service operation for
11 Walgreen's in Minneapolis from 1967 to 1969; and

12 Whereas, Mr. Testin was the assistant executive secretary to the Minnesota
13 Legislative Retirement Study Commission from 1969 to 1973; and

14 Whereas, Mr. Testin was the director of retirement research for the state of
15 Wisconsin from September 1973, until his retirement on June 30, 1995; and

1 Whereas, Mr. Testin, after his retirement, was a consultant from October 1995,
2 to December 1997, for the 2 retirement committees that he had so ably served for 22
3 years; and

4 Whereas, Mr. Testin was one of the first in the country to obtain the designation
5 of certified employee benefits specialist through the International Foundation of
6 Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania
7 and was one of the first members of the International Society of Certified Employee
8 Benefit Specialists; and

9 Whereas, Mr. Testin was a former member of the Board of Directors of the
10 Government Finance Officers Association; and

11 Whereas, Mr. Testin was a former member of the International Foundation of
12 Employee Benefit Plans, the National Association of Government Deferred
13 Compensation Administrators, the National Association of State Retirement
14 Administrators, and the National Council on Teacher Retirement; and

15 Whereas, Mr. Testin served on the Pension Roundtable of the National Retired
16 Teachers Association and the Capitol City Task Force of Wisconsin AARP; and

17 Whereas, Mr. Testin, was involved with the Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants
18 and the Wisconsin Retired Educators Association; and

19 Whereas, Mr. Testin was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church and was a past
20 chairman of Oakwood Lutheran Homes; and

21 Whereas, Mr. Testin was a member of the Madison Elks Lodge 410; and

22 Whereas, Mr. Testin is survived by his wife of 46 years, 4 children and their
23 spouses, 7 grandchildren, and one brother; now, therefore, be it

24 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
25 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Blair L. Testin

1 contributed to this state and its citizens, express their sorrow at his death, and
2 extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

3 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
4 resolution to Mr. Testin's wife, Pam; to his children, Sandy of Waupaca; Becky of San
5 Antonio, Texas; Tammy of Middleton; and Matt of Marinette; and to his brother, Rex,
6 of Mesa, Arizona.

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