2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 61

October 2, 2001 – Introduced by Representative Gronemus, cosponsored by Senator Moen. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of John Quentin Radcliffe.
2	Whereas, John Quentin Radcliffe was born on May 19, 1920, in Little Falls,
3	Wisconsin, and died on August 19, 2001, in Osseo, Wisconsin; and
4	Whereas, he was educated at Black River Falls Elementary School and Tony
5	High School; and
6	Whereas, John married Ione Gunderson on June 29, 1940, in Black River Falls,
7	Wisconsin; and
8	Whereas, during World War II, Mr. Radcliffe served in the U.S. Navy aboard a
9	PT boat in Espirtu Santos, New Hebrides; and
10	Whereas, after his military service, Mr. Radcliffe was employed by the Gillette
11	tire company, retiring from the Uniroyal tire company after 24 years of service; and
12	Whereas, John served on the Eleva-Strum school board; and
13	Whereas, he was elected to the Wisconsin assembly representing Jackson and
14	Trempealeau counties in 1964 and served continuously from the 1965 through 1971
15	sessions; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the assembly, Mr. Radcliffe was instrumental in the development of the K.I.S.S. (Keeping Infants in Safety Seats) program, and co–drafted the first legislation in the nation for the testing of newborns for PKU (phenylketonuria); and

Whereas, John resigned from the assembly on January 19, 1971, to accept an appointment by Governor Patrick Lucey to head the governor's office of highway safety coordination; and

Whereas, John was elected to the executive board of the national conference of governor's highway safety representatives representing the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; and

Whereas, although John retired from state government in 1978, he remained active in local leadership as the mayor of Strum and served 6 consecutive terms on the Trempealeau County board; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly assembly senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that John Quentin Radcliffe contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Mr. Radcliffe's wife, Ione; his son, Jack Radcliffe, Viroqua, Wisconsin; and his 4 daughters, Karen Rocksvold, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, Sue Ann Miland, Eleva, Wisconsin, Kathleen Sheldon, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Lisa Lorenz, Morris, Minnesota.