

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 77

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Ervin Butch Conradt.

2 Whereas, Ervin “Butch” Conradt was born on October 4, 1916, in the town of
3 Bovina, Wisconsin, and died on November 5, 2001, in Appleton, Wisconsin; and

4 Whereas, he was educated at Springbrook Elementary School; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Conradt, who was known by everyone as “Butch,” began farming
6 in 1940 and was a lifetime farmer; and

7 Whereas, he married Grace Voight, who preceded him in death on January 29,
8 1973; and

9 Whereas, after years of being a widower, Butch married Lillian (Kuhn)
10 McDougal on April 20, 1985; and

11 Whereas, he received his first taste as an elected official with a stint on the
12 Bovina town board as board supervisor from 1951 to 1952, and as board chairman
13 from 1953 to 1967 and 1979 to 1990, and he served on the Outagamie County board
14 from 1953 to 1973; and

1 Whereas, during his tenure as Bovina town board chairman, Butch also served
2 as president of the Wisconsin Towns Association for several years; and

3 Whereas, Butch was first elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1964, served
4 continuously from the 1965 to 1981 sessions, and was appointed to numerous
5 committees including the excise and fees committee and the highway committee; and

6 Whereas, during his tenure in the assembly, Mr. Conradt's concern was to
7 provide the best service to his constituents including his support of any bill that was
8 beneficial to his district; and

9 Whereas, after his tenure in the assembly, Butch was appointed to serve on the
10 state special transportation projects commission in 1987 by Governor Tommy G.
11 Thompson, and then appointed by Governor Thompson to serve as state highway
12 commissioner for 4 years; and

13 Whereas, after his service as state highway commissioner, Butch was elected
14 the mayor of Seymour from 1994 to 1996; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
16 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Ervin "Butch"
17 Conradt contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his
18 death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
20 resolution to Mr. Conradt's wife, Lillian; his sons, Dennis (Peggy) Conradt, Shiocton,
21 and Richard (Joan) Conradt, Pulaski; and his daughter, Constance Conradt,
22 Shreveport, Louisiana.

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