

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 93

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of former Wisconsin Congressman Henry S.

2 Reuss.

3 Whereas, Henry S. Reuss was born on February 22, 1912, in Milwaukee,
4 Wisconsin, and died on January 12, 2002, in San Francisco, California; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Reuss was educated in the Milwaukee schools; and

6 Whereas, he earned a B.A. degree in history and government from Cornell
7 University in 1933, and an LL.B. degree from Harvard University in 1936; and

8 Whereas, Mr. Reuss married Margaret Magrath in October 1942; and

9 Whereas, he worked as an assistant corporation counsel for Milwaukee County
10 from 1939 to 1941; and

11 Whereas, Mr. Reuss became an assistant general counsel with the U.S. office
12 of price administration from 1941 to 1943; and

13 Whereas, during World War II, he served in the U.S. army from 1943 to 1945,
14 during which time he earned the rank of major, received the Bronze Star, and served
15 on General Dwight D. Eisenhower's staff; and

1 Whereas, Mr. Reuss was deputy general counsel for implementing the original
2 European Economic Recovery Act — the Marshall Plan — after World War II; and

3 Whereas, Mr. Reuss was first elected to public office as a board member on the
4 Milwaukee school board in 1953; and

5 Whereas, he represented with great distinction Wisconsin's 5th Congressional
6 District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1955 to 1983; and

7 Whereas, during his tenure in Congress, he helped establish the Peace Corps,
8 wrote the legislation creating the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, and was a strong
9 advocate of the Clean Water Act; and

10 Whereas, Mr. Reuss worked to establish the national Martin Luther King, Jr.,
11 holiday, and created the Martin Luther King memorial fund in 1972 to make grants
12 for projects in Milwaukee; and

13 Whereas, both his opponents and supporters appreciated his keen sense of
14 humor and his integrity; and

15 Whereas, Mr. Reuss in 1975, was elected chairman of the house banking,
16 currency, and housing committee and became a national leader on financial and
17 economic matters; and

18 Whereas, during his last term in Congress, Mr. Reuss gave up his house
19 banking chairmanship to take over the joint economic committee that performed
20 wide-ranging research on national economic policies; and

21 Whereas, he authored *The Critical Decade; Revenue Sharing, Crutch or*
22 *Catalyst; To Save Our Cities — What Needs to be Done; On the Trail of the Ice Age;*
23 *and When Government Was Good;* and

24 Whereas, upon leaving Congress, he briefly practiced law, but soon filled his
25 days with lectures, travel, and service to a variety of causes; now, therefore be it

