2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 103

March 7, 2002 – Introduced by Representative BLACK, cosponsored by Senator RISSER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the retirement of John D. Powell.
2	Whereas, John D. Powell has been a Capitol reporter for Wisconsin Public
3	Radio, where he has covered state politics full-time since 1977; and
4	Whereas, a Richland Center native, John debuted on radio as a disc jockey in
5	his teens, entertaining listeners on weekend shifts; and
6	Whereas, after graduating from the University of Wisconsin–Madison, he
7	earned a master's degree in history at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee before
8	joining Wisconsin Public Radio in 1972; and
9	Whereas, before John began a full-time career as a Capitol reporter, he covered
10	state government as part of a general-assignment reporting beat for 5-years; and
11	Whereas, during his time at the State Capitol, John Powell has covered 14
12	legislative sessions and 6 governors, along with numerous assembly speakers,
13	senate presidents, majority and minority leaders, and other legislators; and
14	Whereas, John's experience at the State Capitol has allowed him to report
15	meaningful perspectives on the news; and

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1	Whereas, John has insisted that his long stint on the Capitol beat has not
2	turned him into a jaded reporter; and
3	Whereas, John Powell has ably upheld the long tradition of fine State Capitol
4	reporting and has won the esteem of his colleagues in the media; and
5	Whereas, Wisconsin Public Radio listeners recognize John Powell's distinctive
6	voice far more than his face; and
7	Whereas, in particular, lawmakers are ardent listeners to Wisconsin Public
8	Radio broadcasts while they are commuting to and from Madison; and
9	Whereas, after 29 years of reporting for Wisconsin Public Radio, the State
10	Capitol will not be the same without John Powell; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That: the members of the
12	Wisconsin legislature salute John D. Powell on his retirement from Wisconsin Public
13	Radio; and, be it further
14	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
15	resolution to John D. Powell, along with the good wishes of the legislature for a long,
16	healthy, and active retirement.
17	(END)