2001 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31

June 21, 2001 – Introduced by Representative Schooff. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Professor Joel Carl Welty.
2	Whereas, Professor Joel Carl Welty was born on May 30, 1901, 100 years ago
3	on this date, and died in 1986 at age 85; and
4	Whereas, Professor Welty received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago
5	and was a distinguished professor of biology at Beloit College for over 30 years,
6	retiring in 1966; and
7	Whereas, he became a world-renowned ornithologist and wrote an outstanding
8	textbook, The Life of Birds, which was widely used by colleges and universities for
9	many years; and
10	Whereas, Professor Welty was a great humanitarian, spending nearly a year,
11	in 1947, as team leader of a group helping to rebuild Koblenz, Germany, helping
12	thousands of desperate children and adults, and risking his life against rampant
13	disease and a brutally cold winter with no heat or electricity; and
14	Whereas, the city of Koblenz honored Professor Welty by naming a street after

him years later; and

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1	Whereas, he and his wife, Susan, built a beautiful 12-acre bird sanctuary,
2	located in the Town of Turtle, Rock County, where they lived for many years; and
3	Whereas, he has been inducted into both the Rock County Hall of Fame and the
4	Beloit Hall of Fame and in 1991 the city of Beloit named the proposed environmental
5	center after him; and
6	Whereas, Professor Welty will be remembered by all who knew him well as a
7	most friendly and warm person, always willing to help in some manner, and never
8	shrugging off hard work; now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly
10	commend the devoted humanitarian and naturalist, Professor Joel Carl Welty, on the
11	anniversary of his 100th Birthday; and, be it further
12	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution
13	to the city of Beloit and to Beloit College.
14	(END)