

2001 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 37

October 15, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives KRUG, BALOW, BERCEAU, BLACK, BOCK, BOYLE, CARPENTER, COGGS, COLON, HEBL, HUBER, KREUSER, KRUSICK, LA FAVE, J. LEHMAN, MEYERHOFER, MILLER, MORRIS-TATUM, PLALE, PLOUFF, REYNOLDS, RICHARDS, RYBA, SCHOOFF, SHILLING, SINICKI, STASKUNAS, TURNER, ZIEGELBAUER, JESKEWITZ and SYKORA. Referred to Committee on Labor and Workforce Development.

1 **Relating to:** supporting President Bush’s efforts to extend unemployment
2 insurance benefits and urging support of a universal extension of
3 unemployment insurance benefits to cover all 50 states and all workers.
4 Whereas, President Bush is proposing the extension of unemployment
5 insurance benefits as a component of an economic stimulus package; and
6 Whereas, President Bush has called out to us: “We hear the cries of those who
7 have been laid off,” and, speaking for himself, his administration, and many other
8 elected officials: “We worry about the shock waves throughout the economy.”; and
9 Whereas, as members of the Wisconsin assembly, we have also heard the cries
10 of our constituents from Kenosha to Superior; and
11 Whereas, President Bush would limit the extension of benefits to those states
12 “hit hardest” by the recent terrorist attacks; and
13 Whereas, President Bush wants to cover only workers who lost their jobs after
14 the attacks of September 11; and

1 Whereas, the economic impact of September 11th is being felt in every state in
2 the country; and

3 Whereas, trying to determine whether a worker was laid off as a direct result
4 of the September 11th terrorist attack would be difficult in many cases; and

5 Whereas, the rise in unemployment makes it just as difficult for workers
6 unemployed before September 11th as those unemployed after September 11th to
7 find a job; and

8 Whereas, according to the Wisconsin legislative council staff, when extended
9 benefits were last made available by the federal government in 1991, benefits were
10 available to all states and were 100% federally financed; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly urge
12 President Bush and U.S. Congress to support a universal extension of
13 unemployment insurance benefits, to cover all 50 states and all workers and to be
14 100% federally financed, to help the American people now and get our economy
15 moving again; and, be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
17 to the president and secretary of the U.S. Senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S.
18 House of Representatives and to each member of the congressional delegation from
19 this state attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 2001 assembly of the state
20 of Wisconsin.

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