

2001 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 43

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and achievements of Jesselyn Marie Karbon and the
2 efforts of her mother, Rosemarie Rose.

3 Whereas, Jesselyn Marie Karbon was born on August 19, 1973, to Ronald A.
4 Karbon and Rosemarie A. (Sieminski) Rose; and

5 Whereas, Jesselyn Marie Karbon was a student at Peshtigo High School, where
6 she was a student tutor, always a member of the honor roll, a nursing home volunteer,
7 and a class officer; and

8 Whereas, Jesselyn Marie Karbon participated and excelled in high school
9 activities such as band, basketball, cheerleading, chorus, track, and volleyball; and

10 Whereas, Jesselyn Marie Karbon was a foreign exchange student, spending her
11 junior year studying in Villeneuve Dascq', France; and

12 Whereas, Jesselyn Marie Karbon's precious life was cut tragically short on July
13 19, 1990, when, at the age of 16 and only days after returning home from her year
14 in France, the vehicle she was traveling in was hit by a drunk driver, placing her in
15 a vegetative state for the past 11 years; and

1 Whereas, 4 months following the crash, Jesselyn Marie Karbon was admitted
2 into Rennes Nursing Home in Peshtigo, the same nursing home at which she
3 volunteered earlier in high school; and

4 Whereas, Jesselyn’s mother, Rosemarie Rose, first became involved with
5 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) at a candlelight vigil for victims at the
6 University of Wisconsin–Green Bay campus in December 1992; and

7 Whereas, over the years, Rosemarie Rose has become the president of the
8 Brown/Marinette County chapter of MADD and has also risen to the position of state
9 chair for the awareness and prevention organization; and

10 Whereas, Rosemarie Rose has participated in training workshops and
11 conventions around the country and internationally, including the Lifesaver
12 Conference in Colorado and the National Organization of Victims Assistance (NOVA)
13 in Canada; and

14 Whereas, Rosemarie Rose has spoken freely about her daughter and her
15 family’s trauma, including addressing victim–impact panels and speaking to
16 Wisconsin high schools and driving schools; and

17 Whereas, Rosemarie Rose was presented the Golden Achievement award from
18 MADD, the highest award that the organization bestows, for her leadership and
19 efforts on behalf of awareness and prevention; and

20 Whereas, on Sunday, October 14, 2001, Jesselyn Marie Karbon passed away in
21 her mother’s arms, bringing to an end the life of caring and love, but hopefully saving
22 the lives of countless others through the awareness of the dangers of drunk driving;
23 now, therefore, be it

1 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
2 hereby recognize the short but beloved life of Jesselyn Marie Karbon whose life has
3 touched so many; and, be it further

4 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly hereby recognize the
5 efforts of Rosemarie Rose, for the unwavering love provided to her daughter and the
6 leadership and determination that she has demonstrated in tirelessly teaching
7 others the perils of drunk driving through Jesselyn's story; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
9 to Rosemarie Rose of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, to the Wisconsin State Office of Mothers
10 Against Drunk Driving, and to the National Office of Mothers Against Drunk
11 Driving.

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