

## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of Howard B. Eisenberg.

2             Whereas, Howard B. Eisenberg was born on December 9, 1946, in Chicago,  
3 Illinois, and died on June 4, 2002, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

4             Whereas, Mr. Eisenberg graduated with a B.A. degree from Northwestern  
5 University in 1968, and earned his J.D. degree from the University of  
6 Wisconsin-Madison in 1971; and

7             Whereas, he married Phyllis Borenstein on August 25, 1968; and

8             Whereas, he commenced his brilliant legal career by clerking for the late  
9 Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Horace Wilkie from 1971 to 1972; and

10            Whereas, Mr. Eisenberg was appointed state public defender by Governor  
11 Patrick Lucey and served in that position from 1972 to 1978; and

12            Whereas, in 1978, he left Wisconsin to join the National Legal Aid and Defender  
13 Association in Washington, D.C., and served as its executive director from 1979 to  
14 1983; and

1           Whereas, in 1983, Mr. Eisenberg became professor and director of clinical  
2 education at the Southern Illinois University School of Law in Carbondale, Illinois,  
3 and served until 1991; and

4           Whereas, in 1991, he became dean and professor of law at the University of  
5 Arkansas at Little Rock and served until 1995; and

6           Whereas, over the years, he argued more than 300 appellate cases before state  
7 and federal courts, including 2 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court; and

8           Whereas, in 1995, he was named dean of the Marquette University Law School  
9 and was the first non-Catholic to serve in that position, which he held until his  
10 untimely death; and

11           Whereas, his philosophy was to always be available to others, and to be ready  
12 to help, especially those who were unable to help themselves; and

13           Whereas, during his tenure at Marquette University, Mr. Eisenberg was called  
14 on time and again to help deal with a problem or challenge that extended far beyond  
15 the boundaries of the Marquette University campus; and

16           Whereas, he was widely hailed for his integrity and ability to see all sides of an  
17 issue; and

18           Whereas, Mr. Eisenberg will forever be remembered for his brilliant mind and  
19 compassionate heart; now, therefore, be it

20           ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly  
21 commend the devoted public service that Howard B. Eisenberg gave to this state,  
22 express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and  
23 friends; and, be it further

