

2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Gerald D. Lorge.

2 Whereas, Gerald D. Lorge was born on July 9, 1922, in Bear Creek, Wisconsin,
3 and died on February 14, 2001; and

4 Whereas, he graduated from St. Mary's Grade School and Bear Creek High
5 School, entered Marquette University in 1946, majoring in courses preparatory to
6 law school, and earned a law degree from the Marquette University Law School in
7 1952; and

8 Whereas, Gerald Lorge served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific
9 from January 1942 to December 1945; and

10 Whereas, on April 15, 1958, he was united in marriage to Christina C. Ziegler;
11 and

12 Whereas, Gerald Lorge received his first taste of an elected office with a stint
13 in the Wisconsin assembly from 1951 to 1954; and

1 Whereas, Gerald Lorge was elected to the Wisconsin senate in a special election
2 in 1954 to fill an unexpired term upon the resignation of Senator Gordon A. Bubolz
3 and served until his retirement in 1984 as the 5th longest serving senator in the
4 state's history; and

5 Whereas, he was a member of many legislative committees including
6 Legislative Council, Joint Committee on Finance, Joint Survey Committee on
7 Retirement Systems, and Joint Audit Committee and chaired the Senate Committee
8 on Judiciary; and

9 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Gerald Lorge was involved with
10 legislation that created the University of Wisconsin campuses in Green Bay and
11 Kenosha; and

12 Whereas, at the conclusion of his tenure in the legislature, Senator Lorge was
13 the most senior member of the Wisconsin legislature and the 1983 session was his
14 17th consecutive session; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
16 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Gerald D. Lorge
17 contributed to this state, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their
18 condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
20 resolution to Mr. Lorge's wife, Christina; his 3 daughters, Anna Morgan, Julie Lorge,
21 and Christina Lorge; his 2 sons, Robert Lorge and William Lorge; and his brother,
22 Kenneth Lorge.

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