

2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

September 26, 2001 – Introduced by Senators DARLING, ROSENZWEIG, PANZER, KANAVAS, GROBSCHMIDT, BURKE, HUELSMAN, WELCH, LAZICH and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives JENSEN, JESKEWITZ, WASSERMAN, VRAKAS, RICHARDS, GUNDERSON, RHOADES, LIPPERT, WALKER, PLALE, COLON, CARPENTER, BOCK, URBAN, TOWNSEND and RYBA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Jane Pettit.

2 Whereas, Jane Pettit passed away on September 10, 2001, after a courageous,
3 year-long battle against lung cancer; and

4 Whereas, although Jane Pettit has passed, her remarkable life, courageous
5 spirit, and philanthropic generosity will be an inspiration for the entire state of
6 Wisconsin for generations to come; and

7 Whereas, the Pettit name has become synonymous with compassion and
8 kindness thanks to years of charitable acts by Jane Pettit; and

9 Whereas, Jane Pettit's generosity and greatness can be seen when reviewing
10 her extraordinary legacy; and

11 Whereas, Jane Pettit endowed a floor at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
12 in 1987; and

13 Whereas, Jane Pettit's generosity led to the construction and opening of the
14 Bradley Center in Milwaukee in 1988; and

1 Whereas, Jane Pettit provided funding for the neonatal care unit at St. Joseph's
2 Hospital in 1991; and

3 Whereas, Jane Pettit's donation to the Pettit National Ice Center in West Allis
4 has provided the United States olympic speed skating team with a world renowned
5 training facility, and has given residents of the Milwaukee area a first class skating
6 facility available for public use; and

7 Whereas, Jane Pettit made numerous donations to the Milwaukee Arts
8 Museum, including the purchase of several paintings by internationally acclaimed
9 artist Georgia O'Keefe in 1997, and contributions to the building campaign that
10 assisted in the construction of the museum's recently opened Calatrava addition; and

11 Whereas, Jane Pettit's ongoing support for the Great Circus Parade helped
12 keep this Wisconsin tradition a success; and

13 Whereas, Jane Pettit became a part owner of the Milwaukee Brewers in 1999,
14 continuing a tradition of local ownership of Wisconsin's major league baseball team;
15 and

16 Whereas, Jane Pettit in the year 2000 supported Alverno College, Mount Mary
17 College, Messmer High School, the Schlitz Audubon Center, Boerner Botanical
18 Gardens, the proposed African American World Cultural Center, and the Wisconsin
19 AIDS fund; and

20 Whereas, Jane Pettit's donation of \$20,000,000 led to the construction of the
21 Lynde and Harry Bradley School of Technology and Trade in Milwaukee; and

22 Whereas, Jane Pettit devoted her life to philanthropy, the arts, and improving
23 the quality of life in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin; and

24 Whereas, Jane Pettit's generosity leaves a long and proud legacy that will not
25 be forgotten by those whose lives she has touched; now, therefore, be it

