

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

1     **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Philip J. Scherer for his service and  
2            thanking him for his contribution to the Transportation Development  
3            Association of Wisconsin, Inc., and the people of Wisconsin.

4            Whereas, Philip J. Scherer began his long and illustrious career in  
5            transportation planning by serving for approximately 3 years as an associate  
6            planner for the city of Racine; and

7            Whereas, he worked for 6 years as a senior planner with the Milwaukee office  
8            of a national architectural, engineering, and planning firm, directing many urban  
9            and regional planning activities and providing planning assistance on many  
10           transportation projects; and

11           Whereas, Phil Scherer then worked for 12 years as the lead senior planner  
12           overseeing all functional planning programs at the Northwest Regional Planning  
13           Commission, taking full responsibility for the 10-county commission's  
14           transportation planning program; and

1           Whereas, he was appointed executive director of the Transportation  
2           Development Association of Wisconsin, Inc. (TDA) in February, 1987, and during his  
3           time in that position has developed TDA into the preeminent statewide  
4           transportation association, which is recognized statewide and nationally for its  
5           knowledge, expertise, and balanced approach to the promotion and improvement of  
6           all modes of transportation in Wisconsin and represents over 500 members  
7           statewide; and

8           Whereas, during his tenure as executive director of TDA, Phil Scherer has  
9           become a trusted advisor and resource to many members of the legislature on  
10          transportation issues, known for the factual, unbiased, and thorough information he  
11          makes available to assist them in understanding the complex issues associated with  
12          transportation policy; and

13          Whereas, over the years he has served on many local, state, and regional boards  
14          and committees, including 9 years as a town chairman, as well as service on  
15          state-wide highway, rail, aviation, and energy committees; and

16          Whereas, on the national level, Philip J. Scherer has served as chairman of the  
17          Better Roads and Transportation Council of America, an organization that gave Phil  
18          its highest award for excellence in public education efforts relative to transportation;  
19          and

20          Whereas, Phil has been recognized for his contributions to transportation in  
21          Wisconsin by many organizations, including the National Association of  
22          Development Organizations, which recognized Phil with an award for pioneering a  
23          program designed to help local officials efficiently and effectively manage their  
24          roadway systems – a program that is now being used by hundreds of counties, cities,

1 villages, and towns in the state and that has become commonly known in Wisconsin  
2 as the PASER system; and

3 Whereas, Phil Scherer is now retiring from the position of executive director of  
4 the TDA – a position that he has held for 15 years; and

5 Whereas, Philip J. Scherer’s leadership has made innumerable, significant,  
6 and long-lasting improvements to transportation in the state of Wisconsin; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
9 Wisconsin legislature hereby commend and congratulate Philip J. Scherer for his  
10 service, thank him for his contribution to TDA, and wish him the best of luck in his  
11 future endeavors; and, be it further

12 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
13 resolution to Philip J. Scherer and TDA.

14 (END)