

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Senator Joseph F. Andrea.

2 Whereas, Joseph F. Andrea was born on November 29, 1927, in Kenosha,
3 Wisconsin, and died on December 5, 2002; and

4 Whereas, Mr. Andrea graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School in 1946;
5 and

6 Whereas, upon graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Navy on the
7 USS Iowa BB61 and the USS Bremerton CA130 from 1946 to 1948; and

8 Whereas, following his discharge from the Navy, he worked for Wisconsin Bell
9 as a cable splicer for 31 years; and

10 Whereas, Mr. Andrea married Olivia Butteri on August 9, 1952, at Holy Rosary
11 Catholic Church in Kenosha; and

12 Whereas, he attended the University of Wisconsin–Extension in Kenosha; and

13 Whereas, Mr. Andrea received an honorary Ph.D. degree from Carthage College
14 in 1991; and

1 Whereas, Mr. Andrea began his career in public service as a supervisor on the
2 Kenosha County Board from 1968 to 1976, where he led the fight to establish the
3 office of Kenosha county executive; and

4 Whereas, Mr. Andrea was first elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1976, and
5 served in the 1977 to 1983 sessions; and

6 Whereas, he was subsequently elected to the Wisconsin senate in 1984, and
7 served in the 1985 to 1995 sessions; and

8 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Mr. Andrea was known as a man
9 of great integrity and dedication in serving the people of his district; and

10 Whereas, Senator Andrea's leadership was essential to his community's
11 recovery from economic turmoil and led directly to the creation of over 9,000 new jobs
12 and the revitalization of Kenosha as an economic hub at the gateway to Wisconsin;
13 and

14 Whereas, Senator Andrea will be greatly missed as a renowned booster of
15 Carthage College, the Holy Rosary Sports Night, Kenosha's Italian-American Club,
16 and numerous other civic organizations; and

17 Whereas, Senator Andrea's legacy is a community and state far better for his
18 service, and his credo of "Don't be afraid to do what's right" and ability to translate
19 that philosophy into results continue to serve as an example of the very best in public
20 service; and

21 Whereas, during his tenure as a representative to the assembly and as a state
22 senator, he assisted in merging the 3 separate state retirement systems into the
23 current unified Wisconsin Retirement System, establishing utility holding
24 companies, and sponsoring the "Life Means Life" sentencing law; now, therefore, be
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