

2003 Senate Joint Resolution 11

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

**Relating to:** the life and public service of Helmar A. Lewis.

Whereas, Helmar A. "Pete" Lewis was born in McFarland on February 7, 1900, and died in Beloit on March 6, 1999; and

Whereas, after serving in the army in World War I, and working as a laborer and farmer, Helmar Lewis attended the University of Wisconsin, receiving his law degree in 1928; and

Whereas, he established his law practice in Boscobel, where he served as city attorney from 1930 to 1932, as Grant County district attorney from 1933 to 1937, and as mayor of Boscobel from 1939 to 1944; and

Whereas, he was elected in 1940 to represent the 16th District in the Wisconsin senate; and

Whereas, throughout his tenure in the senate, he was a member of the joint committee on finance, serving as senate chairman of that body during the 1943 legislative session; and

Whereas, Helmar Lewis resigned from the senate in May 1944 to become an attorney for the Office of Price Administration in La Crosse; and

Whereas, after World War II he accepted a position as legal counsel for the Wisconsin public service commission, where he served until his retirement in 1965; and

Whereas, after his retirement Helmar Lewis remained active in community affairs both in Wisconsin and in Florida, his winter home; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the members of the Wisconsin legislature acknowledge the long years of service to Wisconsin by Helmar Lewis; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Mr. Lewis's daughter, Luanne Larson.

Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee President of the Senate

Donald J. Schneider Senate Chief Clerk

Date