

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Walter L. Merten.

2 Whereas, Walter L. Merten was born on December 11, 1922, and died on
3 November 8, 2001, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

4 Whereas, he graduated from Marquette University High School; and

5 Whereas, he earned a B.A. degree from Marquette University and an LL.B
6 degree in 1950; and

7 Whereas, Mr. Merten married Grace M. Stieber; and

8 Whereas, he served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II from
9 1943 to 1946 in the Philippines and Japan; and

10 Whereas, after his discharge from military service, at the request of the War
11 Department, Mr. Merten served as a civilian military officer in Japan, as a specialist
12 in government and education; and

13 Whereas, Mr. Merten was first elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1950
14 (Milwaukee, 19th), serving in the 1951 and 1953 sessions; and

1 Whereas, he was subsequently elected to the Wisconsin senate in 1954 (5th
2 Senate District), serving in the 1955 and 1957 sessions; and

3 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Mr. Merten was the assistant
4 majority floor leader during the 1957 session; now, therefore, be it

5 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
6 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Walter L. Merten
7 contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and
8 extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

9 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
10 resolution to Mr. Merten's wife, Grace M. Merten, and to his sister, Florence Fridal.

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(END)