

## 2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

June 10, 2003 – Introduced by Senator PANZER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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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