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## **2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7**

1	<b>Relating to:</b> the life and public service of Jerris Leonard.
2	Whereas, Jerris Leonard was born on January 17, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois,
3	and died on July 27, 2006, in Bethesda, Maryland; and
4	Whereas, he was a 1955 graduate of the Marquette University School of Law
5	in Milwaukee; and
6	Whereas, Mr. Leonard was first elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1956,
7	serving in the 1957 and 1959 sessions; and
8	Whereas, he served the Wisconsin Assembly as the Assistant Minority Leader
9	in 1959 and 1960; and
10	Whereas, Mr. Leonard was subsequently elected to the Wisconsin Senate in
11	1960, serving two terms during the 1961, 1963, 1965 and 1967 sessions; and
12	Whereas, he served as the Wisconsin Senate Assistant Majority Leader from
13	1961 to 1966, and served as the Senate Majority Leader in 1967 and 1968; and

1	Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Mr. Leonard was a member of the
2	Joint Finance Committee, State Building Commission, and Republican Policy
3	Committee; and
4	Whereas, Mr. Leonard was the Republican Party nominee for the United States
5	Senate in 1968; and
6	Whereas, he was appointed by President Richard Nixon in 1969 to serve as the
7	assistant United States Attorney General in the Department of Justice; and
8	Whereas, during his tenure in the Department of Justice, Mr. Leonard headed
9	the Civil Rights Division and aided the desegregation of schools; and
10	Whereas, he served as an advisor to President George H.W. Bush in 1989; and
11	Whereas, Mr. Leonard was the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement
12	Award from Marquette University School of Law in 2000; now, therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
14	Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Jerris Leonard
15	contributed to the country, this state, and his community, express their sorrow at his
16	death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further
17	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
18	resolution to Mr. Jerris Leonard's wife, Mariellen Leonard of Bethesda, Maryland,
19	and his sons and daughters, Gib Leonard of Bethesda, Maryland, John E. Leonard
20	of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Francis X. Leonard of Gainesville, Virginia, Daniel J.
21	Leonard of Falls Church, Virginia, Mary Alice Leonard Ralston of Clifton, Virginia,
22	and Kathleen Ann Leonard of the District of Columbia.
23	(END)