

2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

April 12, 2007 – Introduced by Senator KREITLOW, cosponsored by Representative SMITH. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and service of Joe Bee Xiong.

2 Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong was born in 1962 in the village of Mong Cha, Laos, and
3 died on March 31, 2007; and

4 Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong bravely fought in the Vietnam War at the young age
5 of 14, leading teams to rescue shot-down American pilots; and

6 Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong led 3,000 of his neighbors across the Mekong River to
7 safety in Thailand and came to reside in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in 1980; and

8 Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong graduated from Memorial High School in Eau Claire,
9 Wisconsin, and went on to receive a degree in computer science from Chippewa
10 Valley Technical College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Mount
11 Senario College in Ladysmith, Wisconsin; and

12 Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong distinguished himself as the first Hmong elected to
13 public office in the United States, serving two terms on the Eau Claire City Council;
14 and

15 Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong was a role model for all those in the community; and

