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

1	Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong served as a clan leader, and in his many
2	accomplishments, served as a role model for the Hmong community; and
3	Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong was a master performer on the Hmong bamboo
4	instrument qeej; and
5	Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong's dedication to public service led him to run for the 68th
6	Assembly District in 2004; and
7	Whereas, Joe Bee Xiong is survived by his wife, Ta, and eight children; now,
8	therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of
10	the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Joe Bee Xiong and
11	extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues; and, be it
12	further
13	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
14	resolution to Joe Bee Xiong's wife, Ta.
15	(END)