2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

April 19, 2007 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, LASSA, SCHULTZ and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives Berceau and Turner. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: declaring the ninth of May as Europe Day.

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Whereas, in the five years following the second world war, Europe's economy was prostrate, its political institutions were greatly weakened, and it faced the prospect of a third world war; and

Whereas, on the ninth of May 1950, Robert Schuman, the French foreign minister, published a declaration of the need to preserve peace and increase prosperity by creating a common economic foundation that marked the beginning of the European Union; and

Whereas, in 1957, the Treaty of Rome created the European Economic Community, which was the first pillar of European unity; and

Whereas, in 1992, the Maastricht Treaty formally integrated the European Union by creating the second and third pillars of common foreign and security policy, and police and judicial cooperation; and

Whereas, the European Union includes 27 member nations and has adopted procedures for the orderly accession of new members; and

1	Whereas, the European Union has established a parliament, a judicial system,
2	and has normalized trade and monetary policy among its members; and
3	Whereas, the European Union has promoted peace and prosperity for its
4	members; and
5	Whereas, the existence of the European Union gives hope to all people of the
6	world that governments will follow the rule of law, provide security for their citizens,
7	and avoid war; and
8	Whereas, the ninth of May is celebrated in the countries of the European Union
9	as "Europe Day" as a time for celebration of the European Union's accomplishments
10	and reflection upon the challenges that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the ninth day of
12	May 2007 shall be observed in Wisconsin as "Europe Day."
13	(END)