

## 2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

December 7, 2007 – Introduced by Senator RISSER, cosponsored by Representative WIECKERT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Joint Legislative Council  
2             and the legislative council staff.

3             Whereas, the Wisconsin legislative council and staff were created in 1947 by  
4     chapter 444, laws of 1947, and have now served the Wisconsin legislature and the  
5     state of Wisconsin for 60 years; and

6             Whereas, the Joint Legislative Council, through its study committees, has been  
7     instrumental in establishing and maintaining traditions of open discussion and  
8     citizen participation in the legislative process in Wisconsin; and

9             Whereas, the Joint Legislative Council has conducted over 500 studies,  
10    involving the participation of over 6,500 individual citizens of the state and  
11    legislators, and introduced over 1,300 pieces of legislation on a wide variety of topics,  
12    leading to more than 750 enactments; and

13            Whereas, the Joint Legislative Council study process has produced legislation  
14    in specific areas such as protection of groundwater, criminal code and penalties,  
15    insurance laws revisions, court reorganization, education, marital property,

1 mediation–arbitration procedures, recycling programs, medical malpractice, laws to  
2 protect children, and establishment of the legislative administrative rule review  
3 process; and

4       Whereas, in addition to serving study committees, the legislative council staff  
5 supports the work of standing and statutory committees, provides assistance to  
6 individual legislators and their staffs, organizes and facilitates the biennial  
7 conference for new legislators, performs technical review of all proposed state agency  
8 administrative rules, and provides various other services; and

9       Whereas, through its many functions, both large and small, and in concert with  
10 its sister legislative service agencies, the legislative council staff is integral to the  
11 smooth functioning of the Wisconsin legislature; now, therefore, be it

12       ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature  
13 commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Joint Legislative Council and the  
14 legislative council staff and recommits itself to the democratic principles of open  
15 discussion and citizen participation in the legislative process; and, be it further

16       ***Resolved, That*** the legislature expresses its appreciation for the dedicated  
17 nonpartisan professional service provided to it by the legislative council staff.

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