2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

January 24, 2008 – Introduced by Senators KANAVAS, LASSA, LAZICH, TAYLOR, HANSEN, HARSDORF, DECKER, RISSER, PLALE, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ, S. FITZGERALD, DARLING, CARPENTER, KEDZIE, OLSEN, ELLIS and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives KRAMER, MOLEPSKE, HINES, KLEEFISCH, JORGENSEN, VAN AKKEREN, J. OTT, GUNDERSON, SHERIDAN, POCAN, NYGREN, BALLWEG, ZIPPERER, SOLETSKI, HEBL, ALBERS, KREUSER, HUBLER, CULLEN, SINICKI, JESKEWITZ, ZEPNICK, BOYLE, GRONEMUS, TAUCHEN, MUSSER, NASS, TURNER, SEIDEL, OWENS, FIELDS, TOWNSEND, PETROWSKI, BIES, MURSAU, HINTZ, A. OTT, VOS, BERCEAU and HAHN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1   Relating to: the life and public service of Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus.

2   Whereas, Lee Sherman Dreyfus was born on June 20, 1926, in Milwaukee and

3 died on January 2, 2008, at his home in Waukesha; and

4   Whereas, Lee Sherman Dreyfus graduated from Washington High School in

5 Milwaukee; and

6   Whereas, Lee Sherman Dreyfus served in the United States Navy during World

7 War II; and

8   Whereas, Lee Sherman Dreyfus attended the University of

9 Wisconsin–Madison, earning a bachelor’s degree in 1949, a master’s degree in 1952,

10 and a doctorate in communication in 1957; and

11   Whereas, Lee Sherman Dreyfus served as the ninth president of Wisconsin

12 State University–Stevens Point and was named the first chancellor of UW–Stevens

13 Point following the Wisconsin State University and University of Wisconsin merger,

14 becoming known as the “students’ chancellor”; and
Whereas, Lee Sherman Dreyfus spoke with a direct style and an uncommon personal nature and was rewarded with broad bipartisan support across Wisconsin; and

Whereas, wearing his signature red vest, Lee Sherman Dreyfus became Wisconsin’s 40th governor in 1979; and

Whereas, Lee Sherman Dreyfus continued to serve his state long after he left the governor’s office as a member of the UW System Board of Regents and as interim superintendent of public instruction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Lee Sherman Dreyfus contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Governor Dreyfus’ wife, Joyce; his daughter, Susan Fosdick; and his son, Lee Sherman Dreyfus, Jr.