



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 72

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Edward Moore Kennedy.

2 Whereas, Edward Moore “Ted” Kennedy passed away on August 25, 2009; and

3 Whereas, Edward Kennedy was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the youngest
4 child of Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., and Rose Fitzgerald, and the youngest brother of
5 President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Eunice Kennedy
6 Shriver; and

7 Whereas, Edward Kennedy graduated from Harvard University in 1956 and
8 the University of Virginia School of Law in 1959; and

9 Whereas, Edward Kennedy was recruited by Green Bay Packers Head Coach
10 Lisle Blackbourn, but declined the offer in order to enter a life of public service; and

11 Whereas, Edward Kennedy successfully ran for the United States Senate in
12 1962; and

13 Whereas, Edward Kennedy served 45 years in the United States Senate,
14 holding such positions as Majority Whip, Chairman of the Senate Committee on

1 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and Chairman of the Senate Committee on
2 the Judiciary; and

3 Whereas, Edward Kennedy was a skilled negotiator and worked in a bipartisan
4 manner to pass more than 300 bills; and

5 Whereas, Edward Kennedy was a champion of expanding health care coverage,
6 making college more accessible, protecting civil rights, raising the minimum wage,
7 and reforming immigration laws; and

8 Whereas, Edward Kennedy valiantly fought terminal brain cancer for more
9 than a year; and

10 Whereas, Edward Kennedy earned the respect and accolades of his former
11 colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
13 Wisconsin legislature commemorate the life and public service of Edward Moore
14 “Ted” Kennedy and mourn his passing.

15 (END)