



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 87

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Reuben K. Harpole, Jr.

2 Whereas, Reuben Harpole has been engaged in the Milwaukee community for
3 over 50 years as a civil rights activist, mentor, and supporter of educational causes;
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5 Whereas, Reuben Harpole has earned the monikers “the mayor” and “the
6 connector” for his strong leadership skills, his dignified manner, and his ability to
7 bring people together around a common goal; and

8 Whereas, Reuben Harpole was raised in the diverse Bronzeville neighborhood
9 of Milwaukee, which helped shape his perspective on the world by raising his
10 awareness of, and respect for, other cultures; and

11 Whereas, Reuben Harpole is the co-founder of the Center for Urban
12 Community Development at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee where he spent
13 31 years, retiring in 1997 from the School of Continuing Education where a
14 scholarship to help attract African American men into the teaching profession is
15 named in his honor; and

