



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 120

1       **Relating to:** the life and public service of Walter J. Ireland.

2               Whereas, Walter J. “Butch” Ireland was born on June 15, 1923, in Kohler,  
3       Wisconsin to Walter J. Ireland Sr. and Flora Ireland, and died on March 21, 2010, in  
4       Sheboygan, Wisconsin; and

5               Whereas, following graduation from Kohler High School, Mr. Ireland furthered  
6       his education at Marquette University; and

7               Whereas, Mr. Ireland served honorably in the United States Air Force during  
8       World War II; and

9               Whereas, Mr. Ireland was united in marriage to Mable F. Spatzek of Sheboygan  
10       on December 28, 1946, and the couple was later blessed with the birth of their  
11       daughter, Sandra; and

12               Whereas, Mr. Ireland served in the Wisconsin state assembly from 1958 to  
13       1960; and

1           Whereas, during his tenure in the assembly, Mr. Ireland served on the  
2 Assembly Committee on Labor, and authored bills that related to subjects such as  
3 motor vehicle instructional permits and insurance premiums; and

4           Whereas, as a committed public servant throughout his life, Mr. Ireland also  
5 served on the Sheboygan County Board, Sheboygan County Airport Building  
6 Committee, Sheboygan County Association of Commerce, Lightfoot School  
7 Committee, Rocky Knoll Building Addition and Conversion Committee, and the  
8 Building Committee for Sunny Ridge Health and Rehabilitation Center; and

9           Whereas, Mr. Ireland owned Kullman Insurance Agency and worked as an  
10 insurance agent until his retirement in 1986; and

11           Whereas, Mr. Ireland was passionate about his faith, family, community, and  
12 politics, and also enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, and watching the Milwaukee  
13 Brewers; and

14           Whereas, Mr. Ireland also served as secretary of the Kohler Fire Department  
15 for 45 years, was a member of the Kohler Police Athletic League, and was a life  
16 member of American Legion Post 83; and

17           Whereas, Mr. Ireland served with principle and integrity, and his legacy will  
18 surely serve as an inspiration for those whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

19           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
20 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Walter J. “Butch”  
21 Ireland contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his  
22 death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

23           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
24 resolution to Mr. Ireland’s wife, Mabel Ireland; his daughter, Sandra Sherman; his  
25 four grandchildren, Heidi Davidson, Kelly Hutson, Jessica Sherman, and Kelly

