



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 120

April 2, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives KESTELL, VAN AKKEREN and LEMAHIEU, cosponsored by Senators LEIBHAM and GROTHMAN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

