



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

March 29, 2011 – Introduced by Senators LEIBHAM, HOLPERIN, MILLER, OLSEN and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives ENDSLEY, BARCA, KESSLER, LEMAHIEU, LOUDENBECK, A. OTT, SINICKI, SPANBAUER, ZIEGELBAUER and E. COGGS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Carl Otte.

2 Whereas, Carl Otte was born on June 24, 1923, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and
3 died on January 13, 2011, in Sheboygan; and

4 Whereas, Carl served his country in the U.S. Army and was deployed to the
5 European Theater during World War II; and

6 Whereas, Carl began his long and distinguished career in public service in 1962
7 by serving on the Sheboygan County Board where he served until his election to the
8 state assembly in 1967; and

9 Whereas, Carl was held in such respect by his colleagues in the assembly that
10 he was eventually chosen to serve on the legislature's Joint Finance Committee; and

11 Whereas, Carl was elected to the state senate in 1982 to serve the citizens of
12 Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Calumet, and Fond du Lac counties and served in this
13 position until 1985; and

14 Whereas, Carl was both unwavering in his dedication to his core beliefs and
15 respectful of those with whom he disagreed and dedicated his time in the legislature

1 to helping those who were most in need; specifically, the poor, needy, elderly, and the
2 mentally ill; and

3 Whereas, Carl continued to be active in his community following his retirement
4 from the state senate by returning to serve on the county board; additionally, he kept
5 a busy private life by volunteering at his local church, Good Shepherd Lutheran,
6 participating in the Sheboygan Civic Orchestra, and engaging in a number of other
7 recreational and community activities that he enjoyed greatly; and

8 Whereas, Carl benefited greatly throughout his life and public career from the
9 strong love and support of his wife, Ethel, their four children and their spouses, Allen
10 and Cynthia Riesterer Otte, Jane and Allan Frey, Julie and Michael Lyon, and Lynn
11 and John Maurin, and his eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
14 Wisconsin legislature do commend the devoted public service that Carl Otte
15 contributed to his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their
16 condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
18 resolution to Carl's widow, Ethel, and to each of his four children.

19 (END)