



State of Wisconsin
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2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 107

February 14, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives NYGREN, JACQUE, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, BIES, ENDSLEY, KERKMAN, KLENKE, KRUG, MARKLEIN, MURSAU, A. OTT, PETROWSKI, PRIDEMORE, SPANBAUER, SINICKI, STEINEKE, SUDER, TAUCHEN, TRANEL, VAN ROY, WEININGER and ZIEGELBAUER, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, LASEE, COWLES, HANSEN, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of John Gower and honoring his many
2 accomplishments.

3 Whereas, John Gower was born on January 10, 1941, and died on December 10,
4 2011, at the age of 70; and

5 Whereas, John Gower lived in Green Bay, and was long active in politics and
6 government service in Northeastern Wisconsin; and

7 Whereas, John Gower received his Juris Doctorate from Marquette University
8 in 1966 and went on to have a distinguished legal career serving the citizens of Brown
9 and Oconto counties as district attorney, serving Marinette, Oconto, Shawano, and
10 Menominee counties as an assistant state public defender, and owning a private law
11 practice; and

12 Whereas, John Gower was a lifelong member of the Republican Party and
13 recipient of the 8th Congressional District Alan Bovay award, named after the
14 founder of the United States Republican Party; and

1 Whereas, John Gower served on both the Brown and Shawano county boards
2 and spent three terms proudly serving the people of the 4th Assembly District in the
3 Wisconsin state legislature; and

4 Whereas, John Gower was appointed to the following committees during his
5 tenure in the Wisconsin state legislature: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
6 Committee, Judiciary Committee, Transportation Committee, Joint Audit
7 Committee, Joint Interim Committee, Joint Audit Committee, Elections Committee,
8 Special Joint Committee on Fiscal Notes, Health and Social Services Committee,
9 Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules, Legislative Council's Special
10 Committee on Filing of Uniform Commercial Code Documents, and Select
11 Committee on Health and Social Services; and

12 Whereas, John Gower was influential in the business community, serving as
13 spokesman for the Brown County Taxpayers Alliance and as a member of the
14 Northeast Wisconsin Technical College board of directors, the Brown County Harbor
15 Commission, and the Astor Neighborhood Association; and

16 Whereas, John Gower co-founded the Community Council on Drug Abuse in
17 Green Bay, developed the first educational program to combat drug abuse, and
18 organized the crisis hotline; and

19 Whereas, John Gower was recognized for his community engagement when he
20 received the Distinguished Service Award in 1973 from the Green Bay Jaycees; and

21 Whereas, John Gower had a passion for boating, traveling, and family; and

22 Whereas, John Gower was a loving husband to his wife Larae, proud father of
23 David, Heather, Melissa, Andrew, and stepson Jon LeRoy, and grandfather of
24 Nathan, Matthew, Cecilia, and Eleanor; and

