2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 49

November 4, 2011 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, CARPENTER, S. COGGS, T. CULLEN, HOLPERIN and C. LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives KESSLER, PASCH, SPANBAUER, TURNER, CRAIG, SINICKI and FIELDS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: the life and public service of Wayne F. Whittow.

Whereas, Wayne F. Whittow was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 16, 1933, and is a lifelong resident of the city; and

Whereas, Wayne F. Whittow graduated from Washington High School in 1951, and served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee earning both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in business administration; and

Whereas, in 1960, in his first race for public office at the age of 26, he received the democratic nomination for the 16th district of the Wisconsin state assembly by a 3-vote margin (1,472–1,469). He was then elected to the first of three consecutive terms; and

Whereas, in 1966, Wayne F. Whittow was elected to the Wisconsin state senate, representing the 11th senate district. He was twice reelected, and eventually served as senate majority leader. He is remembered for working to help create state shared
revenue to local governments and the merger of Wisconsin State University and
University of Wisconsin systems; and

Whereas, Wayne F. Whittow was elected Milwaukee city treasurer in 1976. He
is credited over his term of office to have established one of the most efficient,
cost-effective treasurer’s office in the country; and

Whereas, at the time Wayne F. Whittow became treasurer, the city of
Milwaukee required city property taxpayers to both pick up and pay their tax bills
in person. The treasurer’s office now mails out bills and accepts payments by mail
or over the Internet. Taxpayers now have many options of paying property taxes,
including the traditional one of standing in line to pay in person; and

Whereas, when Wayne F. Whittow first took office as a state legislator in
January 1961, he is reported to have made a goal of 50 years in public life. He has
surpassed that goal; and

Whereas, Wayne F. Whittow and his wife Paula have three sons and six
grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
legislature thanks Wayne F. Whittow for his dedicated and invaluable service to his
city, to his state, and to his country.

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