2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

March 2, 2017 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, OLSEN, PETROWSKI, L TAYLOR, VINEHOUT and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives TAUCHEN, ANDERSON, CROWLEY, E. BROOKS, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, POPE, SINICKI, THIESFELDT, TRANEL, TUSLER, VRUWINK and WACHS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: the life and public service of John Herschel Glenn Jr.

Whereas, John Herschel Glenn Jr. led a full life, devoted to his family, friends, state, and country, including serving four terms as a member of the United States Senate; and

Whereas, John was born on July 18, 1921, in Cambridge, Ohio, and earned an engineering degree from Muskingum College; and

Whereas, John served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 to 1965 defending our country during World War II and the Korean conflict; and

Whereas, John married his loving wife, Annie (Castor) Glenn in 1943, raising two children together during their marriage of more than 73 years; and

Whereas, John set a speed record as an airplane test pilot in 1957 by flying from Los Angeles to New York in under three and a half hours; and

Whereas, John was selected by NASA to join the original group of astronauts named the Mercury Seven, which eventually led him to become the first American
to orbit the Earth during his exploration on the *Friendship 7* on February 20, 1962;
and
Whereas, John earned the title of colonel in the United States Marine Corps
and retired from service in 1965; and
Whereas, John turned to public service by representing the state of Ohio in the
United States Senate between 1974 and 1999; and
Whereas, John went back to space in 1998 aboard the space shuttle *Discovery*,
making him the oldest person to fly in space; and
Whereas, John received numerous awards for his service such as the NASA
Distinguished Service Medal in 1962, the Congressional Gold Medal in 2011, the
Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama in 2012, and six
Distinguished Flying Cross awards along with many others; and
Whereas, John passed away on December 8, 2016, surrounded by his loving
family, leaving behind his wife, Annie, his daughter Carolyn and son John, and two
grandchildren, as well as a legacy of space exploration and service to others; now,
therefore, be it

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the members of the
Wisconsin legislature join all Wisconsin residents in honoring the life and
achievements of John Herschel Glenn Jr. and extend their condolences to his family
and friends; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
resolution to John’s wife, Annie, and to his children Carolyn Ann Glenn and John
David Glenn.