



2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Senator John Maurer.

2 Whereas, on March 31, 2019, John Joseph Maurer passed away at the age of
3 96; and

4 Whereas, Maurer served in the Wisconsin State Senate from 1975 to 1984,
5 representing the people of the 22nd Senate District; and

6 Whereas, Maurer was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in 1922 to John and Anna
7 (Schuenemann) Maurer; and

8 Whereas, during World War II, Maurer served in the Army Air Corps and in
9 1945 commanded a B24 "Liberator" in the 15th Air Force Division; and

10 Whereas, after Maurer completed his military service he went on to study at
11 Marquette University before becoming a pilot with United Airlines, flying over
12 25,000 hours during his tenure; and

13 Whereas, from 1969 to 1975, Maurer served as the Town Chairman of Pleasant
14 Prairie; and

1 Whereas, Maurer's dedication to public service continued in April of 1975, when
2 he was elected in a special election to Wisconsin's 22nd Senate District and served
3 two more terms in the legislature, and

4 Whereas, in 1985 Maurer was appointed by Governor Tony Earl to serve as the
5 Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

6 Whereas, Maurer served as Secretary until 1992, during which time he was
7 instrumental in the creation of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, which is now
8 located on the Capitol Square; and

9 Whereas, the Union Grove Veterans Home went on to dedicate Maurer Hall in
10 his honor; and

11 Whereas, Maurer is survived by his wife, Arlene; daughter, Lisa Patrick Walls;
12 son, Thomas Maurer; and grandchildren, Noah, John, and Levi; and

13 Whereas, Maurer is remembered for his wonderful humor and passion for golf;
14 and

15 Whereas, Maurer will be greatly missed by his family and community in
16 Kenosha to which he dedicated so much of his life; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
18 Wisconsin Legislature salute the life and public service of John Joseph Maurer and
19 mourn his passing; and, be it further

20 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
21 resolution to the family of John Joseph Maurer.

22 (END)