

# State of Wisconsin



2019 Senate Joint Resolution 42

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Roger Roth  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk