
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: commending State Auditor Dale Cattnach on the occasion of his retirement.

Whereas, Dale Cattnach began his career in public service as the first director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, serving from 1963 to 1977 and establishing the bureau as a nonpartisan source of fiscal and program information and analyses for the Wisconsin legislature and in particular the Joint Committee on Finance; and

Whereas, he was appointed secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and served in that position with distinction from 1977 to 1979; and

Whereas, he became state auditor on January 1, 1979, and has led this nonpartisan service agency for the past 19 years, creating a highly respected bureau that consistently provides the legislature, and in particular the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, with assurances that financial transactions and program management decisions are made effectively, efficiently and in compliance with state law and that state agencies carry out the policies of the legislature and governor; and

Whereas, his abilities have been recognized nationally and reflected in his many years of service to the National Conference of State Legislatures in various capacities; including serving as staff chair, its highest legislative staff position; serving as secretary–treasurer of the Foundation for State Legislatures and serving on the Governmental Accounting Advisory Council; and

Whereas, his public service has won him numerous awards and honors, including the Lifetime Achievement Award in Program Evaluation given by the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Public Administrator of the Year award from the Wisconsin Capital Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration; and

Whereas, his compassion for others is recognized by his countless hours of volunteer work for various organizations in the state; and

Whereas, he has been a trusted source of information for legislators, others in state government and the public because of his devotion to the highest standards of public service, his common sense, his intellect and his hard work; and

Whereas, his integrity, strength of character, dedication to public service and outstanding service to the legislative branch of Wisconsin government embody the ideal of public service; and

Whereas, Dale Cattnach will retire from public service on February 28, 1998; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature congratulate Dale Cattnach on his almost 35 years of outstanding public service, commend the distinguished service that he has rendered to them and to the citizens of the state and extend to him their best wishes for his continued success and a long and happy retirement; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Dale Cattnach.

Senator Fred Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk