

1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 96

May	1,	1996 - Introduc	ed by	COMMIT	TEE O	N ASSEMB	LY OR	GANIZATIO	N, by requ	est
		Representative	Leon	Young	and	Senator	Gary	George.	Referred	to
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1	Relating to: the life and public service of Ron Brown.
2	Whereas, Ronald Harmon Brown was born on August 1, 1941, in Washington,
3	D.C., and died in Croatia on April 3, 1996; and
4	Whereas, after graduating from Middlebury College in 1962, he joined the U.S.
5	army; and
6	Whereas, upon his return from military service he became a social worker and
7	then the director of a job training program and studied law at St. John's University
8	during the evenings; and
9	Whereas, he was the deputy executive director of the National Urban League
10	from 1968 to 1979, the chief counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee during
11	1980, Senator Edward Kennedy's staff director during 1981 and a partner in the law
12	firm of Patton, Boggs and Blow from 1981 to 1995; and
13	Whereas, Mr. Brown was the legislative chair of the Leadership Conference on
14	Civil Rights from 1976 to 1979, the deputy national campaign manager of Edward
15	Kennedy's presidential campaign during 1979 and 1980, a member of the Democratic
16	National Committee from 1981 to 1989 and its chair from 1989 to 1992, the

1	convention manager for Jesse Jackson in 1988 and a senior adviser to the
2	presidential campaign of Michael Dukakis during 1988; and
3	Whereas, Ron Brown was appointed Secretary of Commerce by President
4	Clinton and began service in that office in 1993, working to improve this country's
5	business climate, particularly by increasing its exports; and
6	Whereas, that latter effort led to his tragic death in an airplane crash on a trade
7	mission to Croatia; now, therefore, be it
8	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
9	Wisconsin legislature recognize the wide range of Ron Brown's accomplishments and
10	his decades of service to this nation, express their sorrow at his untimely death and
11	extend their condolences to his family, friends and associates; and, be it further
12	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
13	resolution to Mr. Brown's wife, Alma, and to his children, Michael and Tracey.
14	(END)