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1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

February 14, 1995 - Introduced by Senators Rude and Risser, cosponsored by Representatives Huebsch, Meyer and Johnsrud.

Relating to: the life and public service of Raymond Bice.

Whereas, Raymond C. Bice was born on April 5, 1896, in La Crosse and died on December 14, 1994, in La Crosse, and at the time of his death was the oldest former member of the Wisconsin Senate; and

Whereas, he served on the Eastern Front during World War I and was the first president of the La Crosse County Airport Committee from 1934 to 1936, served on the La Crosse County Board of supervisors from 1933 to 1938, was the chairperson of the La Crosse County Park Commission, was the president of the La Crosse County Chamber of Commerce, was the secretary of the La Crosse Vocational and Adult School Board and performed many other civic duties; and

Whereas, Mr. Bice served in the assembly from 1946 to 1953, and during part of his tenure he was the chairperson of the Transportation Committee; and

Whereas, he served in the senate from 1953 to 1968 and was the chairperson of the Public Welfare Committee, of the Committee on Committees and of the Physical Plant Maintenance Committee; and

Whereas, after he completed his service in the legislature he used the skills that he had acquired during decades in the construction industry to build a house for 1

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himself and his wife and began devoting much of his time to painting and to writing books and articles and public speaking on La Crosse's history and on the role of a state legislator; and

Whereas, Senator Bice was well known throughout the La Crosse area and received several honors for his service to the community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the Assembly concurring, That the members of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin salute the many decades of public service that Raymond Bice gave to the people of this state and of the La Crosse region and the courtly and civil manner in which he gave that service, express their sorrow at his death and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Mr. Bice's children: Elizabeth, Raymond, James and Richard.

13 (END)