

1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

November 15, 1995 – Introduced by Senator ANDREA, cosponsored by Representatives PORTER, WIRCH and KREUSER.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Earl D. Morton.
2	Whereas, Earl D. Morton was born on November 28, 1918, in Kenosha and died
3	on October 23, 1995, in Rochester, Minnesota; and
4	Whereas, he graduated from Kenosha High School and Carroll College and
5	received a law degree from Marquette University; and
6	Whereas, he served for 5 years in the U.S. army during World War II; rising in
7	rank from private to captain and receiving the Purple Heart, the Presidential
8	Citation, a battle star, the American Defense Service Ribbon, the American Theater
9	Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon; and
10	Whereas, after World War II Mr. Morton practiced law in Kenosha and served
11	on the Kenosha Common Council from 1954 to 1956; and
12	Whereas, he was elected to the assembly in 1956 and 1958; and
13	Whereas, during his first session in the assembly he was a member of the
14	Veterans and Military Affairs Committee and during his 2nd session his grasp of
15	issues and his abilities were recognized by appointment to the Joint Committee on
16	Finance; and

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1	Whereas, he was elected to the senate in 1960, served on the Governmental and
2	Veterans Affairs Committee and the Judiciary Committee and was the chairperson
3	of the Legislative Council's Youthful Drinking and Driving Committee; and
4	Whereas, Mr. Morton was appointed a Kenosha County judge during March
5	1965, was later elected circuit court judge and reelected twice and retired from the
6	judiciary during 1984; and
7	Whereas, he was well respected and was known for his diplomatic demeanor,
8	his articulateness and his affability; now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
10	Wisconsin legislature salute the many decades of devoted and effective public service
11	that Earl D. Morton gave to the people of this state, express their sorrow at his death
12	and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further
13	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
14	resolution to Mr. Morton's wife, Dolores; his sons, Jeffrey Morton and Dean Morton;
15	and his daughter, Debbie VanDerwerff.
16	(END)