



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

January 30, 1996 – Introduced by Senators RUDE, ELLIS and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives PROSSER and JENSEN.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Robert Zimmerman.

2 Whereas, Robert Zimmerman was born on January 5, 1910, in Milwaukee and
3 died on January 17, 1996, in Madison; and

4 Whereas, he graduated from Madison Central High School and served in the
5 U.S. army for 2 1/2 years during World War II; and

6 Whereas, he began his public service as Assistant Secretary of State in 1939
7 and held that position for 15 years; and

8 Whereas, he was elected Secretary of State in 1956 and held that office until his
9 retirement in 1975; and

10 Whereas, although he relied on personal contacts and his reputation for public
11 service rather than expensive campaigns, he often received more votes than any
12 other candidate for a statewide office; and

13 Whereas, his vigor, gregariousness, concern and affection for people and his
14 devotion to public service made him a positive role model for generations of
15 politicians; and

16 Whereas, he ran his office frugally and with a personal touch, insisting on
17 serving his constituents; and

