

## 1997 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

April 30, 1998 – Introduced by COMMITTEE ON SENATE ORGANIZATION, by request of Senators Decker, Jauch, Breske, Shibilski, Clausing and Chvala and Representatives Huber, Springer, Boyle, Dueholm, Hubler, Krug, Kunicki, Linton, Murat, Reynolds, Schneider and Hasenohrl. Referred to Committee on Rules.

**Relating to:** honoring Jerry Madison upon his retirement. 1 2 Whereas, Jerry Madison retired on March 27, 1998, as home secretary for 7th 3 District Congressman David Obey after 25 years of service; and Whereas, he was born in Marshfield in 1935 and started his political life a mere 4 5 13 years later distributing literature for President Harry Truman; and 6 Whereas, Jerry Madison taught high school in both New London and Wausau, 7 where he earned the Outstanding Young Educator Award, the State Outstanding 8 Young Educator Award and the Friend of Education Award; and 9 Whereas, Madison served as Chair of the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids 10 Board, where he received an award from the Association of Independent Colleges and 11 Universities for outstanding leadership in the advancement of independent higher 12 education in the state of Wisconsin through support of student financial policies to 13 promote educational diversity and freedom of choice; and

1	Whereas, he discussed politics with Harry Truman while riding the train
2	through Wisconsin and brought presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to speak to
3	his class; and
4	Whereas, Jerry met his wife, Nelda Seer, in Milwaukee, at a National Young
5	Democratic Convention; and
6	Whereas, the Madisons have 2 children, Mark and Elliott, as well as a
7	granddaughter, Madeline; and
8	Whereas, Jerry and Nelda are known to a legion of young political activists as
9	teachers, advisers, mentors and friends; and
10	Whereas, Jerry Madison is famous as a storyteller, joke maker and trivia
11	master; now, therefore, be it
12	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
13	Wisconsin legislature recognize Jerry Madison for his many accomplishments and
14	salute him for his contributions to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, the 7th
15	Congressional District and the state of Wisconsin and wish him a long, healthy and
16	enjoyable retirement; and, be it further
17	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
18	resolution to Jerry Madison.
19	(END)