

State of Misconsin 2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

## **2003 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 24**

September 18, 2003 – Introduced by Representative MUSSER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: commending and congratulating Raymond G. Boland on his retirement
2	as secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.
3	Whereas, Raymond G. Boland enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard
4	in January 1956 and began his active-duty military career in 1961 when the
5	national guard's 32nd Infantry Division was mobilized for the "Berlin Crisis"; and
6	Whereas, Ray proudly served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for 30
7	years and served 2 tours of combat duty in Vietnam as an army aviator and
8	commander of an attack helicopter unit; and
9	Whereas, Colonel Ray Boland returned to Wisconsin and honorably served as
10	U.S. Army installation commander at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, from 1988 to 1991 and
11	retired from the military; and
12	Whereas, Raymond G. Boland was appointed secretary of the Wisconsin
13	Department of Veterans Affairs in 1992 and was the first Vietnam War veteran to
14	hold this position; and

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1	Whereas, as secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Ray
2	Boland was successful in administering every program and all benefits for the state's
3	500,000 veterans; and
4	Whereas, Secretary Boland served relentlessly at the state and national levels
5	as an advocate to end homelessness among veterans; and
6	Whereas, Wisconsin has grown to have the best state programs for veterans in
7	the nation under the leadership of Secretary Boland; now, therefore, be it
8	Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly
9	commend Ray Boland and thank him for his tireless efforts for the veterans of
10	Wisconsin, and congratulate him on his retirement and thank him for his many years
11	of dedicated service; and, be it further
12	<b>Resolved, That</b> the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
13	to Ray and Jackie Boland and to each of his sons, Daniel, David, and Michael.
14	(END)