

State of Misconsin 2003 - 2004 LEGISLATURE

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

May 11, 2004 – Introduced by Senator M. MEYER.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Paul Offner.
2	Whereas, Paul Offner was born on August 7, 1942, in Bennington, Vermont,
3	and died on April 20, 2004, in Washington, D.C.; and
4	Whereas, he earned a BA degree from Amherst College in 1964, a master's
5	degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and
6	International Affairs, and a Ph.D. degree in economics from Princeton University in
7	1970; and
8	Whereas, Dr. Offner was first elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1974,
9	serving in the 1975 session; and
10	Whereas, he was subsequently elected to the Wisconsin senate in 1976, serving
11	in the 1977 through 1983 sessions; and
12	Whereas, during the 1983 session, Dr. Offner served as assistant senate
13	majority leader; and

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1	Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Dr. Offner became known for his
2	expertise and commitment to change on the issues of poverty, health care, and
3	welfare reform; and
4	Whereas, Dr. Offner was the lead author on legislation that laid the foundation
5	for managed care, including HMO's and PPO's; and
6	Whereas, Dr. Offner served as cochairperson for Governor Patrick Lucey's
7	Employment Relations Study Commission (the Stevens-Offner Commission) in
8	1976, working on civil service reforms; and
9	Whereas, Dr. Offner was most recently a researcher at the Urban Institute; and
10	Whereas, Dr. Offner previously served as the health care commissioner for the
11	District of Columbia, served as a legislative aide for U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick
12	Moynihan, served on the Clinton White House Health Care Task Force, coordinated
13	the Clinton transition team's welfare reform policies, and served as a research
14	professor at Georgetown University; now, therefore be it
15	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That: the members of
16	the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Paul Offner
17	contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and
18	extend their condolences to his family and friends; and be it further
19	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
20	resolution to Dr. Offner's wife, Molly, and his daughter, Shu Yu.
21	(END)

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