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2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 91

January 24, 2008 - Introduced by Representatives Krusick, Jeskewitz, Boyle, COLON, GUNDERSON, HAHN, HEBL, MOLEPSKE and BERCEAU, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Roessler, Lehman, Miller, Robson and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: commending George F. Potaracke for his many years of service on 1 2 behalf of older adults in the state of Wisconsin. 3 Whereas, on January 4, 2008, George F. Potaracke retired from public service after leading the Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care since its creation 4 5 in 1981; and 6 Whereas, under George's leadership for the past 26 years, the Board on Aging 7 and Long Term Care has become a model of effective advocacy for older citizens of 8 Wisconsin; and 9 Whereas, the Board on Aging and Long Term Care's Ombudsman Program has 10 been extraordinarily successful in assisting long-term care facility residents to 11 resolve problems, educate themselves, and plan for the future; and 12 Whereas, the Board on Aging and Long Term Care also is home to the Wisconsin Medigap Helpline, a free information and counseling service intended to help 13

Medicare beneficiaries make wise insurance decisions; and

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1	Whereas, in the 1970s, before leading the Board on Aging and Long Term Care,
2	George served the public as a nursing home administrator, a director of an area
3	agency on aging, and a social worker; and
4	Whereas, George successfully advocated in the legislature for many of the tools
5	that he needed to make his agency's programs more effective; and
6	Whereas, George challenged and collaborated with the provider industry,
7	insurance companies, and government over the way that long term care should be
8	delivered in the latter part of the 20th century and into the next millennium; and
9	Whereas, George always gave generously of his time and talent to pass along
10	his extensive knowledge and insight, lecturing in government agencies and schools
11	of various disciplines throughout Wisconsin and becoming a trusted advisor to
12	high-ranking members of local, state, and federal government; and
13	Whereas, George leaves a lasting legacy as a strong leader, effective advocate,
14	and tireless worker whose efforts brought change to Wisconsin's long-term care
15	system and improved the everyday of lives of older adults and their families; and
16	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
17	Wisconsin legislature commend George F. Potaracke on his career, dedication,
18	accomplishments, and service to the citizens of Wisconsin; and, be it further
19	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide George F. Potaracke
20	with a copy of this joint resolution.

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