

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## **2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44**

June 2, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Doyle and Shilling, cosponsored by Senator KAPANKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

| 1  | Relating to: the life and public service of Virgil D. Roberts and honoring his many   |
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| 2  | accomplishments.  |
| 3  | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts was born on April 13, 1922, and died on April 6,           |
| 4  | 2011; and   |
| 5  | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts lived in Mindoro, Wisconsin and later in Holmen,           |
| 6  | Wisconsin, where he became involved with the Democratic Party, and was elected to     |
| 7  | serve the 94th Assembly District; and   |
| 8  | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts spent 22 years passionately dedicated to                   |
| 9  | representing the people of the 94th Assembly District in the Wisconsin legislature,   |
| 10 | where he served on several committees and had friends among, and was greatly          |
| 11 | respected by, members from both sides of the aisle; and                               |
| 12 | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts had many accomplishments as a representative               |
| 13 | including the creation of several bike trails, North Hall at UW-La Crosse, the travel |
| 14 | center at French Island, and key transportation projects such as the Highway 53       |
| 15 | corridor between Holmen and Onalaska; and   |

| 1  | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts was committed to public education and spent many           |
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| 2  | happy and productive hours visiting classrooms, where he took great pleasure in       |
| 3  | educating students on the importance of government; and                               |
| 4  | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts was trained as a telegrapher and spent 37 years as         |
| 5  | an operator and dispatcher with the Milwaukee Railroad; and                           |
| 6  | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts was a loving husband for 66 years to his wife Alice,       |
| 7  | father of Ann, Joan, Gordon, and Janet, grandfather of Randy, Angie, Dani, Derek,     |
| 8  | Kent, Andrew, Karissa, and Kalina, and great-grandfather of Max, Ben, Blair,          |
| 9  | Sydney, Peyton, Kylie, William, Katelyn, Avery, and Brynn; and                        |
| 10 | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts gave earnest service and held leadership positions         |
| 11 | in many organizations, including director for the Park Bank of Holmen for 27 years,   |
| 12 | participation on the Holmen and Mindoro school boards, and membership in the          |
| 13 | Holmen Lutheran Church, the Holmen Lion's Club, and the La Crosse Democratic          |
| 14 | Party; and  |
| 15 | Whereas, Virgil D. Roberts will be treasured for his love of family and friends,      |
| 16 | wry perspective, and zest for music, dancing, and storytelling; now, therefore, be it |
| 17 | Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin                   |
| 18 | legislature commends the life and public service of Virgil D. Roberts and mourns his  |
| 19 | passing; and, be it further   |
| 20 | Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint            |
| 21 | resolution to Virgil D. Roberts' wife Alice.  |
| 22 | (END)   |