



2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 14

March 11, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives KAUFERT, TRANEL, KURTZ, GUSTAFSON, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, TITTL, MURPHY, PENTERMAN, TUSLER, SINICKI, KREIBICH, KNODL, SUBECK and GOODWIN, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CARPENTER, NASS, RATCLIFF, ROYS and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Representative David O.

2 Martin.

3 Whereas, Representative David “Dave” O. Martin was born to Fin and Marion

4 Martin on March 7, 1931, in Appleton, Wisconsin; and

5 Whereas, Representative Martin graduated from Neenah High School,

6 attended the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and graduated from the University

7 of Michigan with a bachelor’s degree in forestry; and

8 Whereas, Representative Martin then served in the U.S. Army Corps of

9 Engineers, leading a unit in rebuilding bridges throughout war-torn Germany, and

10 later worked as a forester for the Kimberly Clark Corporation; and

11 Whereas, Representative Martin was first elected to the Wisconsin State

12 Assembly in 1960 and went on to serve for five consecutive terms; and

13 Whereas, Representative Martin served as Assistant Majority Leader for the

14 1967–68 legislative session; and

1 Whereas, Representative Martin served on several legislative committees
2 during his tenure in the assembly, including the Joint Committee on Finance, the
3 Building Commission, and the Joint Legislative Council; and

4 Whereas, Representative Martin was known for his ability to work in a
5 bipartisan manner, including in his roles in the enactment of the Wisconsin Wild
6 Rivers law and the establishment of a statewide vocational and technical education
7 system; and

8 Whereas, Representative Martin collaborated with both Governor Gaylord
9 Nelson and Governor Warren Knowles on legislation and initiatives that sought to
10 establish Wisconsin as a national leader in environmental protection and outdoor
11 recreation; and

12 Whereas, Representative Martin was the Republican nominee for lieutenant
13 governor in the 1970 gubernatorial election; and

14 Whereas, following his career in the state legislature, Representative Martin
15 returned to work for the Kimberly Clark Corporation as their manager for
16 government relations for nearly three decades; and

17 Whereas, Representative Martin later served as the associate vice president
18 for business and university relations for the University of Wisconsin System until
19 his retirement in 1993; and

20 Whereas, Representative Martin, along with his wife Joan Martin, also owned
21 the Marquette Café and Bar in Marquette, Iowa; and

22 Whereas, Representative Martin remained active in political advocacy and
23 public service even after his tenure in the state legislature, serving in leadership

1 capacities for Common Cause Wisconsin, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway
2 Board, and the Three Eagles Foundation; and

3 Whereas, Representative Martin was a loving husband, father, grandfather,
4 and great-grandfather; and

5 Whereas, Representative Martin passed away on January 22, 2025, at the age
6 of 93; and

7 Whereas, Representative Martin is missed by his family, friends, and former
8 colleagues; now, therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of
10 the Wisconsin State Legislature join in honoring the life and public service of
11 Representative David O. Martin and extend their condolences to his family and
12 friends.

13 (END)