



2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 106

April 25, 2006 – Introduced by Representatives RHOADES, LAMB, KREIBICH and GRONEMUS, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF and BROWN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and service of Merton Timmerman.

2 Whereas, Merton Timmerman of River Falls, Wisconsin, was born on May 6,
3 1919, in Monticello, Minnesota, and passed away on March 15, 2006, after a 15 year
4 battle with cancer; and

5 Whereas, after graduating from River Falls High School in 1936, Mert enrolled
6 in the Wisconsin State Normal School in River Falls, which is now the University of
7 Wisconsin–River Falls, and earned teaching degrees in agriculture and science; and

8 Whereas, Mert courageously served our country in the U.S. Navy as a pilot
9 during World War II, where he flew 46 missions in the Pacific theater and earned the
10 Distinguished Flying Cross; and

11 Whereas, upon completing his service in the U.S. Navy, Mert became a
12 respected teacher at Dunn County Agricultural High School; and

13 Whereas, as a farmer for 30 years, Mert committed his life to promoting
14 agriculture and fought for farmland preservation as a St. Croix county
15 commissioner; and

1 Whereas, later in life, Mert devoted a great deal of time to reforestation and
2 conservation practices, entrusting 70 acres of his woodland to the western Wisconsin
3 land trust thereby ensuring the land would be preserved; and

4 Whereas, Mert was honored with several awards in 1986, including the
5 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau and the
6 award for Excellence in Agriculture Conservation by the American Farmland Trust
7 in Washington, D.C.; and

8 Whereas, Mert was an active and devoted member of the community his entire
9 life, serving on organizations and boards including the River Falls Plan Commission,
10 the St. Croix County Board, the St. Croix County Farm Bureau, the St. Croix Central
11 School Board, and the Western Wisconsin Refugee Orientation Committee; and

12 Whereas, Mert generously opened his home and offered assistance to foreign
13 students; and

14 Whereas, Mert enjoyed nearly 50 years of marriage to his loving wife, Eleanor,
15 who passed away in 1991, and their union was blessed with 4 children and 9
16 grandchildren; and

17 Whereas, Mert will always be remembered for his generosity and respectful
18 nature, his kind and gentle spirit, and his caring personality; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin legislature, on behalf of a grateful state, honor Merton Timmerman for his
21 dedicated service to the River Falls community and extend their condolences to his
22 family and friends; and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
24 resolution to Merton Timmerman's children, Richard Timmerman, Marian

1 Timmerman, Janet Socks, and Martha Lahmann and to his brother, Albert
2 Timmerman.

3 (END)