



2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 70

December 15, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives GARD, KREUSER, KREIBICH, GRONEMUS, HAHN, RHOADES, SCHNEIDER, RICHARDS, LEHMAN, TRAVIS, GOTTLIEB, VAN ROY, GUNDERSON, BALLWEG, POPE-ROBERTS, ALBERS, MOULTON, SHERIDAN, VOS, KRAWCZYK, YOUNG, VRUWINK, HEBL, JESKEWITZ, PRIDEMORE, ZIEGELBAUER, TOWNS, TOWNSEND, GRIGSBY, LOEFFELHOLZ, PETTIS, KERKMAN, FIELDS, SHILLING and M. WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senators A. LASEE, HANSEN, MILLER, RISSER, GROTHMAN, BROWN, BRESKE, KAPANKE, SCHULTZ, OLSEN, KANAVAS, TAYLOR, S. FITZGERALD, DARLING, HARSDFORF, CARPENTER, JAUCH, WIRCH, ROBSON and PLALE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of William Proxmire.

2 Whereas, William Proxmire was born on November 11, 1915, in Lake Forest,
3 Illinois, and died in Sykesville, Maryland, on December 15, 2005; and

4 Whereas, William Proxmire received a B.A. degree from Yale University in
5 1938, an M.B.A. degree in 1940, and an M.P.A. degree in 1948 from Harvard
6 University; and

7 Whereas, William Proxmire served his nation during World War II in military
8 intelligence from 1941 to 1946; and

9 Whereas, William Proxmire was elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1950 and
10 served in the 1951 session; and

11 Whereas, William Proxmire represented the state of Wisconsin in the U.S.
12 senate from 1957 to 1989; and

13 Whereas, William Proxmire personally greeted many of his Wisconsin
14 constituents; and

1 Whereas, William Proxmire became a familiar face on the television network
2 Sunday news shows; and

3 Whereas, William Proxmire's 32 years of service in the U.S. senate, where he
4 cast more than 10,000 roll call votes, was the longest in Wisconsin's history; and

5 Whereas, while serving in the U.S. senate, one of his proudest achievements
6 was the senate's approval of an international genocide treaty in 1986; and

7 Whereas, William Proxmire was an advocate of physical fitness who frequently
8 jogged to his capitol office long before such activity became commonplace; and

9 Whereas, William Proxmire was responsible for creating the "Golden Fleece"
10 awards which began in 1975 to point out what he thought were frivolous
11 expenditures, and which became a Washington tradition; and

12 Whereas, William Proxmire leaves behind an unparalleled legacy as a defender
13 of the American taxpayer and one of the hardest working senators in U.S. history;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
16 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service of William Proxmire to the
17 people of Wisconsin, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences
18 to his family and friends; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
20 resolution to Mr. Proxmire's wife, Ellen; and his children, Theodore Proxmire of
21 Bethesda, Maryland; Elsie Proxmire Zwerner of Scottsdale, Arizona; Mary Ellen
22 Poulos of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Jan Licht of Naperville, Illinois.

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