
ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of Reino A. Perala.

Whereas, Reino A. Perala was born on August 28, 1915, in Maple, Wisconsin, and died on February 25, 2002, in Superior, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Mr. Perala graduated from the Wisconsin School for the Blind and attended the University of Wisconsin from 1938 to 1943, where he earned both his B.A. degree in English and L.L.B. degree from the law school; and

Whereas, Mr. Perala practiced law in Superior for more than 50 years, retiring in 1994; and

Whereas, on February 2, 1945, he was united in marriage to Elvie Olson; and

Whereas, Reino and Elvie recently celebrated 57 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Mr. Perala was elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1952 and served from 1953 until 1969; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the assembly, Mr. Perala was one of 2 visually impaired legislators; and

Whereas, at the commencement of Mr. Perala's first session, he was befriended by Representative John T. Kostuck, another visually impaired legislator; and

Whereas, Mr. Perala served as chairperson of the Committee on Taxation while serving in the assembly; and

Whereas, Mr. Perala loved to fish from his cabin on the Brule River and was a charter member of the Brule River Sportsmen's Club; and

Whereas, Mr. Perala was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 80, and the Superior Elks Lodge 403; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly commend the devoted public service that Reino A. Perala contributed to this state, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to Mr. Perala's wife, Elvie, and his 2 sons, Ronald (Julie) Perala and Randy (Sue) Perala.

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Assistant Chief Clerk