



State of Wisconsin
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1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 107

February 10, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives JENSEN, FOTI and KUNICKI.

1 **Relating to:** commending State Auditor Dale Cattanach on the occasion of his
2 retirement.

3 Whereas, Dale Cattanach began his career in public service as the first director
4 of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, serving from 1963 to 1977 and establishing the
5 bureau as a nonpartisan source of fiscal and program information and analyses for
6 the Wisconsin legislature and in particular the Joint Committee on Finance; and

7 Whereas, he was appointed secretary of the Wisconsin Department of
8 Transportation and served in that position with distinction from 1977 to 1979; and

9 Whereas, he became state auditor on January 1, 1979, and has led this
10 nonpartisan service agency for the past 19 years, creating a highly respected bureau
11 that consistently provides the legislature, and in particular the Joint Legislative
12 Audit Committee, with assurances that financial transactions and program
13 management decisions are made effectively, efficiently and in compliance with state
14 law and that state agencies carry out the policies of the legislature and governor; and

1 Whereas, his abilities have been recognized nationally and reflected in his
2 many years of service to the National Conference of State Legislatures in various
3 capacities; including serving as staff chair, its highest legislative staff position;
4 serving as secretary-treasurer of the Foundation for State Legislatures and serving
5 on the Governmental Accounting Advisory Council; and

6 Whereas, his public service has won him numerous awards and honors,
7 including the Lifetime Achievement Award in Program Evaluation given by the
8 National Conference of State Legislatures and the Public Administrator of the Year
9 award from the Wisconsin Capital Chapter of the American Society for Public
10 Administration; and

11 Whereas, his compassion for others is recognized by his countless hours of
12 volunteer work for various organizations in the state; and

13 Whereas, he has been a trusted source of information for legislators, others in
14 state government and the public because of his devotion to the highest standards of
15 public service, his common sense, his intellect and his hard work; and

16 Whereas, his integrity, strength of character, dedication to public service and
17 outstanding service to the legislative branch of Wisconsin government embody the
18 ideal of public service; and

19 Whereas, Dale Cattnach will retire from public service on February 28, 1998;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
22 Wisconsin legislature congratulate Dale Cattnach on his almost 35 years of
23 outstanding public service, commend the distinguished service that he has rendered
24 to them and to the citizens of the state and extend to him their best wishes for his
25 continued success and a long and happy retirement; and, be it further

1 **Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
2 resolution to Dale Cattnach.

3 (END)