

State of Misconsin 1997 - 1998 LEGISLATURE

1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 83

November 18, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives TRAVIS, KUNICKI and JENSEN, cosponsored by Senators WINEKE, RISSER and ELLIS.

1	Relating to: commemorating the life of James D. Selk.
2	Whereas, James D. Selk, a legendary Madison journalist, died on November 15,
3	1997; and
4	Whereas, he was born in Marshfield, Wisconsin, in 1934; served his country in
5	the U.S. army; and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1958; and
6	Whereas, in his days as chief political reporter for the Wisconsin State Journal,
7	he earned a reputation for his wit, iconoclasm and ability to scoop the competition;
8	and
9	Whereas, he evolved from beat reporter to pundit as editorial page writer for
10	the Wisconsin State Journal and as editor, publisher and columnist for Madison
11	Magazine; and
12	Whereas, thousands of loyal readers eagerly awaited his monthly column "Selk
13	at Large" to see hapless politicians pilloried, trendy ideas trashed and conventional
14	wisdom debunked; and

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1	Whereas, he was gifted with a style that made his writing irresistible even to
2	those few who would quarrel with his curmudgeonly musings; and
3	Whereas, in June 1997, always a lover of the printed word, he concluded his
4	final column thus: "So this is how it ends. Not with a bang, but with a little tiny dot
5	called a period."; now, therefore, be it
6	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
7	Wisconsin legislature commemorate the life and mourn the death of James D. Selk
8	and extend their sympathy to his family, colleagues and many friends who will miss
9	him dearly; and, be it further
10	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
11	resolution to his children; Jennifer, Mark and Michelle; and shall display a copy in
12	a fitting manner in the press room of the state capitol.
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