



1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 118

March 20, 2000 – Introduced by Representative JENSEN, cosponsored by Senator RISSER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of John R. Devitt.

2 Whereas, John R. Devitt was born in Milwaukee on August 13, 1917, and died
3 in Milwaukee on January 31, 2000; and

4 Whereas, John R. Devitt graduated from Holy Rosary Grade School, Marquette
5 University High School, Marquette University and Marquette Law School; and

6 Whereas, he began practicing law in Milwaukee in 1941; and

7 Whereas, he was elected to serve in the 1945 Wisconsin assembly, where he was
8 a member of the Judiciary Committee; and

9 Whereas, as a member of the assembly, he demonstrated a particular interest
10 in issues surrounding the organization of local government; and

11 Whereas, immediately after the assembly adjourned in June 1945, he departed
12 for army training; and

13 Whereas, he received a special leave from the army to return to Wisconsin for
14 the July 1946 special session of the legislature; and

15 Whereas, after his discharge from the army, he returned to his law practice; and

1 Whereas, in 1955, John Devitt was appointed to the county legal office,
2 beginning many years of valuable service to Milwaukee County; and

3 Whereas, his life was marked by continued devotion to his church, his party and
4 his late wife, Elizabeth; now, therefore, be it

5 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
6 Wisconsin legislature salute the life and public service of John R. Devitt and mourn
7 his passing; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
9 resolution to John's son, Neal.

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