

## **2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3**

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Carl W. Thompson.
2	Whereas, Carl W. Thompson was born on March 15, 1914, in Washington, D.C.,
3	and died on September 19, 2002, in Stoughton, Wisconsin; and
4	Whereas, he graduated from Stoughton High School in 1932; and
5	Whereas, he earned a B.S. degree in economics from the University of
6	Wisconsin–Madison in 1936, an LL.B degree in 1939, and a J.D. degree in 1966; and
7	Whereas, Mr. Thompson married Marian L. Foster on October 3, 1942; and
8	Whereas, he served his country with the U.S. Army during World War II in
9	military intelligence from 1942 to 1946; and
10	Whereas, following his discharge from the U.S. Army, Mr. Thompson
11	established a law practice in Stoughton; and
12	Whereas, he began his government career as an alderman on the Stoughton
13	City Council; and
14	Whereas, Mr. Thompson ran as a Democratic candidate for governor in 1948
15	and 1950; and

January 6, 2003 – Introduced by Senators Chvala, Risser, Breske, Hansen, Panzer, Erpenbach, A. Lasee, Carpenter, Schultz, Roessler, Kedzie, Brown, Cowles, Darling, Decker, Ellis, S. Fitzgerald, George, Grobschmidt, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Lazich, Leibham, M. Meyer, Moore, Reynolds, Robson, Shibilski, Stepp, Welch, Wirch and Zien, cosponsored by Representatives Hebl, Travis, Miller, Pocan, Hahn, W. Wood, Gronemus, Jeskewitz, Ziegelbauer, J. Lehman, M. Lehman, Turner, Ladwig, Boyle, Colon, Freese, Pope-Roberts and McCormick.

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1	Whereas, he was a presidential elector in 1948 and served as Democratic
2	national committeeman from 1949 to 1956; and
3	Whereas, Mr. Thompson was first elected to the Wisconsin assembly in 1952,
4	and served in the 1953 to 1957 sessions; and
5	Whereas, he was subsequently elected to the Wisconsin senate in 1959 to fill the
6	unexpired term of Gaylord Nelson, and served until 1984; and
7	Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Mr. Thompson was known for his
8	dedication to human rights and civil liberties; and
9	Whereas, Mr. Thompson retired from the Wisconsin legislature in 1984, after
10	having served 32 years; and
11	Whereas, after his retirement, Mr. Thompson served as a commissioner on the
12	Labor and Industry Review Commission for 6 years; now, therefore, be it
13	<b>Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That</b> the members of the
14	Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Carl W. Thompson
15	contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his death, and
16	extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further
17	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
18	resolution to Mr. Thompson's wife, Marian; his daughters, Jane Thompson–Melby
19	of Champaign, Illinois, Anne Thompson of Pardeeville, Margaret Thompson of
20	Denver, Colorado, and Costa Rica, and Lisa Thompson–Eagan of Stoughton; and his
21	sisters, Ruth Curtiss of Darlington and Helen Ratchford of Corvallis, Oregon.
22	(END)