2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

April 19, 2007 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, LASSA, SCHULTZ and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU and TURNER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1   **Relating to:** declaring the ninth of May as Europe Day.

2   Whereas, in the five years following the second world war, Europe's economy

3   was prostrate, its political institutions were greatly weakened, and it faced the

4   prospect of a third world war; and

5   Whereas, on the ninth of May 1950, Robert Schuman, the French foreign

6   minister, published a declaration of the need to preserve peace and increase

7   prosperity by creating a common economic foundation that marked the beginning of

8   the European Union; and

9   Whereas, in 1957, the Treaty of Rome created the European Economic

10   Community, which was the first pillar of European unity; and

11   Whereas, in 1992, the Maastricht Treaty formally integrated the European

12   Union by creating the second and third pillars of common foreign and security policy,

13   and police and judicial cooperation; and

14   Whereas, the European Union includes 27 member nations and has adopted

15   procedures for the orderly accession of new members; and

1   Whereas, the European Union has established a parliament, a judicial system,

2   and has normalized trade and monetary policy among its members; and

3   Whereas, the European Union has promoted peace and prosperity for its

4   members; and

5   Whereas, the existence of the European Union gives hope to all people of the

6   world that governments will follow the rule of law, provide security for their citizens,

7   and avoid war; and

8   Whereas, the ninth of May is celebrated in the countries of the European Union

9   as "Europe Day" as a time for celebration of the European Union's accomplishments

10   and reflection upon the challenges that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

11   ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the ninth day of

12   May 2007 shall be observed in Wisconsin as "Europe Day."

13   **(END)**