



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

April 16, 2010 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, ERPENBACH and LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representatives POCAN, BLACK, BERCEAU, PARISI and POPE-ROBERTS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Robert D. Goodman.

2 Whereas, Robert D. Goodman, a pillar of the Madison community, died on April
3 1, 2010, at age 90; and

4 Whereas, Robert came to Madison in 1939 to join his older brother, Irwin, in the
5 family business and to attend the University of Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, while at the University of Wisconsin, Robert was an outstanding
7 student and athlete, earning a spot on the University of Wisconsin “Best Ever” team
8 for men’s fast-pitch softball; and

9 Whereas, Robert and his brother owned and operated Goodman’s Jewelers on
10 State Street in Madison from 1937 until they retired in 1998; and

11 Whereas, the Goodman brothers were rarely seen apart, sharing an apartment,
12 many meals, and going to movies together and with friends; and

13 Whereas, Robert was deeply committed to the community, and in over 70 years,
14 working in conjunction with the United Way, the University of Wisconsin, and the

1 Madison Jewish Community Council, the Goodman brothers gave millions of dollars
2 to causes big and small in order to better the lives of all in the community; and

3 Whereas, the Goodman’s put much thought into each contribution, and initially
4 did not want a lot of fanfare surrounding their generosity but only wanted to make
5 Madison a better place for all residents; and

6 Whereas, some of the notable contributions to the community include the
7 Goodman Pool, Madison’s first public swimming pool, the Goodman Community
8 Center on Madison’s east side, Goodman’s Diamond for the University of Wisconsin
9 women’s softball program, and the Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona;
10 and

11 Whereas, Robert Goodman left a lasting impression on the Madison community
12 through his selflessness, outgoing personality, and generous philanthropy on behalf
13 of so many worthy causes; and

14 Whereas, Robert was preceded in death by his brother Irwin in 2009, and he is
15 survived by many cousins and good friends; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin legislature commend the numerous contributions that Robert Goodman
18 made to this state and express their sorrow at his death.

19 (END)