

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 60

October 3, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives RICHARDS, BERCEAU, GRIGSBY, KERKMAN, KESSLER, PASCH, C. TAYLOR and TURNER, cosponsored by Senators C. LARSON, S. COGGS, RISSER, SCHULTZ and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Judge Terence T. Evans.
2	Whereas, Judge Terence T. Evans was born in 1940 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
3	where he was raised by his mother in the city's Riverwest neighborhood and rose to
4	legal prominence from humble beginnings, and died on August 10, 2011; and
5	Whereas, Judge Evans ran track at Riverside High School and earned a track
6	scholarship at Marquette University, where he won a national championship and the
7	heart of Joan Witte, whom he married in 1965; and
8	Whereas, Judge Evans taught history at Milwaukee's North Division High
9	School and coached track at Milwaukee's West Division High School before entering
10	law school; and
11	Whereas, Judge Evans earned his degree in 1967 from Marquette University
12	Law School, after which he served as a clerk for Wisconsin State Supreme Court
13	Justice Horace Wilkie for one year and then prosecuted cases as an assistant district
14	attorney in Milwaukee County; and

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1	Whereas, Judge Evans joined the Milwaukee law firm of Cooke & Franke in
2	1970 and became a partner in two years; and
3	Whereas, Governor Patrick Lucey appointed Judge Evans to the Milwaukee
4	County Circuit Court by in 1974; and
5	Whereas, President Jimmy Carter selected Judge Evans for the U.S. District
6	Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin in 1979, and President Bill Clinton
7	appointed Judge Evans to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1995; and
8	Whereas, Judge Evans continued to make Milwaukee his home even after being
9	named to the federal appeals court in Chicago, travelling to Illinois when the
10	appellate court was in session; and
11	Whereas, Judge Evans earned a reputation as a gifted jurist, with a
12	no-nonsense but humane approach to legal matters, who had a way with words that
13	made his opinions and the law accessible to everyone; now, therefore, be it
14	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
15	Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted and extraordinary public service
16	Terence T. Evans contributed to his community, this state, and the nation, express
17	their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his family, friends, and
18	colleagues; and, be it further
19	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
20	resolution to Judge Terence T. Evans's wife, Joan, and their children, Kelly
21	Evans-Pfeifer, Christine Evans Wise, and David Evans.
22	(END)