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## 2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 38

April 20, 2017 - Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Vinehout, Risser, Carpenter, Erpenbach, L. Taylor, Hansen, Marklein, Cowles, Olsen, Ringhand and Nass, cosponsored by Representatives Stafsholt, Wachs, Barca, Doyle, Petryk, Anderson, Berceau, Murphy, Brostoff, Steffen, Hesselbein, Krug, Milroy, Mason, Genrich, Vruwink, E. Brooks, Subeck, Crowley, Horlacher, Zamarripa, Sinicki and Summerfield. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> the life and public service of Alvin J. Baldus.
2	Whereas, Alvin "Al" James Baldus was born on April 27, 1926, in Garner, Iowa,
3	and died on February 2, 2017, in Menomonie, Wisconsin; and
4	Whereas, Mr. Baldus graduated from Elkton High School in Minnesota, and
5	earned an A.A. from Austin Junior College in Austin, Minnesota, in 1946; and
6	Whereas, Mr. Baldus served in the U.S. Merchant Marine from 1944 to 1946,
7	and was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953, and for
8	distinguished service was awarded the Bronze Service Star; and
9	Whereas, Mr. Baldus was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, serving from
10	1967 to 1973, and elected again to the Wisconsin State Assembly, serving from 1989
11	to 1997; and
12	Whereas, Mr. Baldus served as assistant majority leader in the Assembly and
13	as chair of the Building Commission's Subcommittee on Higher Education; and

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1	Whereas, Mr. Baldus chaired the Assembly Committee on Securities and
2	Corporate Policy and the Committee on Insurance, Securities and Corporate Policy
3	and cochaired the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions; and
4	Whereas, Mr. Baldus was named to the Wisconsin's Environmental Decade's
5	Clean 16 for his leadership and vision on environmental issues in Wisconsin; and
6	Whereas, Mr. Baldus was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1975
7	and served in the 94th, 95th, and 96th Congresses; and
8	Whereas, Mr. Baldus served as chair of the House Committee on Small
9	Business' Subcommittee on Energy, Environment, Safety and Research; and
10	Whereas, Mr. Baldus served as chair of the House Committee on Agriculture's
11	Subcommittee on Dairy and Poultry, passing legislation through Congress beneficial
12	to farmers and their cooperatives; and
13	Whereas, Mr. Baldus mentored many staff members who went on to ably serve
14	cooperatives and the state legislature; and
15	Whereas, upon returning to Wisconsin, Mr. Baldus served as Director of
16	Government Affairs for Cenex; now, therefore, be it
17	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the
18	Wisconsin Legislature commend the devoted public service that Alvin "Al" James
19	Baldus contributed to this state and his community, express their sorrow at his
20	death, and extend their condolences to his wife, Lolly, and family; and, be it further
21	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
22	resolution to Mr. Baldus's wife, Lolly, and children, Deborah, Bruce, Rebecca, John,
23	and Daniel.

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