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## 2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 61

June 14, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives Vos, Barca, Krug, Steineke, STEFFEN, TRANEL, VORPAGEL, SPIROS, KOOYENGA, KULP, KITCHENS, ROHRKASTE, HUTTON, FELZKOWSKI, TITTL, GANNON, NYGREN, ALLEN, AUGUST, BALLWEG, Bernier, Born, Brandtjen, E. Brooks, R. Brooks, Duchow, Edming, HORLACHER, JACQUE, JAGLER, JARCHOW, KATSMA, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, Kremer, Kuglitsch, Loudenbeck, Macco, Murphy, Mursau, Nerison, NEYLON, NOVAK, OTT, PETERSEN, PETRYK, PRONSCHINSKE, QUINN, RIPP. Rodriguez, Sanfelippo, Schraa, Skowronski, SNYDER, STAFSHOLT, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, WEATHERSTON, WICHGERS, ZIMMERMAN, BERCEAU, VRUWINK and SARGENT, cosponsored by Senators Fitzgerald, Darling, Wanggaard, Harsdorf, Petrowski, Cowles, Moulton and Nass. Referred to Committee on Rules.

## \*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

**Relating to:** recognizing November 19 as Tommy G. Thompson Day in Wisconsin. 1 2 Whereas, Governor Tommy George Thompson, a man dedicated to the service 3 of his state and country, has worked throughout his life to advance the public good, having been employed as an attorney and having served in both the Wisconsin Army 4 5 National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves, as a Wisconsin state representative, 6 as governor of Wisconsin, and as United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; and 7 8 Whereas, Governor Thompson served with honor and distinction and was 9 elected to four terms as the governor of Wisconsin, a record unsurpassed in the 10 history of Wisconsin governors; and 11 Whereas, in 1987, when Tommy Thompson was inaugurated governor, he inherited a complex state with diverse interests and economic needs; and 12

Whereas, Governor Thompson worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold,

groundbreaking agenda of welfare reform, school choice, and health care reform,

1	which led to an unprecedented reduction in welfare in Wisconsin and a rebuilding
2	of Wisconsin's economy; and
3	Whereas, Governor Thompson pioneered the first welfare-to-work
4	law—Wisconsin Works, or W2—which provided state-supported aid to working
5	families, and ultimately became a national model for welfare reform; and
6	Whereas, Thompson's commitment to an active social policy agenda helped
7	expand the number of low-income, working Wisconsinites who were able to receive
8	health care coverage; and
9	Whereas, Thompson's dedication to education brought the nation's first school
10	choice program to Wisconsin, broadening education options for all Wisconsin
11	students; and
12	Whereas, Thompson's tireless years of service in Wisconsin government
13	instilled the tradition of civic involvement for all Wisconsinites; and
14	Whereas, Thompson's lifelong dedication to the state of Wisconsin and his
15	never-ending optimism have ensured that Wisconsin has been and always will be
16	moving forward; now, therefore, be it
17	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
18	Legislature hereby recognizes November 19, 2017, and subsequent yearly
19	anniversaries as "Tommy G. Thompson Day."
20	(END)