



2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 14

March 15, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives SKOWRONSKI, BRANDTJEN, BROSTOFF, CROWLEY, HESSELBEIN, HORLACHER, KNODL, KUGLITSCH, KURTZ, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY, SARGENT, SINICKI, SNYDER, SORTWELL, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VORPAGEL and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, CARPENTER, HANSEN, JACQUE, MILLER, NASS, OLSEN, RINGHAND, WANGGAARD and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** the public service of Major General Raymond A. Matera.

2 Whereas, Major General Raymond A. Matera served as Wisconsin's adjutant
3 general from 1979 to 1989 and passed away Thursday, January 31, 2019, at the age
4 of 94; and

5 Whereas, Matera began his service in the United States military in 1943, when
6 the U.S. Marines Corps deployed him to the South Pacific as an aerial gunner and
7 infantryman; and

8 Whereas, Matera's time in the military included service in the U.S. Air Force,
9 the U.S. Army, and the Wisconsin Air National Guard; and

10 Whereas, Matera joined the Wisconsin Air National Guard in 1954, was
11 appointed as chief of staff in 1971, was promoted to brigadier general in 1973, was
12 promoted to major general in 1976, and was appointed to the esteemed position of
13 adjutant general in 1979; and

1 Whereas, Matera served two terms as the adjutant general to the Wisconsin Air
2 National Guard and during his tenure worked tirelessly to also support the
3 Wisconsin Army National Guard for which enlistment was in decline; and

4 Whereas, Matera worked with Wisconsin mayors and congressmen and
5 congresswomen to raise support for the Wisconsin Army National Guard, which in
6 1986 during the Cold War deployed to Germany; and

7 Whereas, Matera's enduring dedication to state and country was recognized
8 with many accolades, including the first Wisconsin National Guard Distinguished
9 Service Medal, and he was the only Wisconsin Air National Guard member inducted
10 into the Wisconsin Army National Guard Hall of Honor and the fourth Air National
11 Guard recipient of the U.S. Air Force Order of the Sword; and

12 Whereas, Matera's fervor for public service lead him to serve as the vice
13 president of the National Guard Association of the United States in 1982 and as
14 president in 1984; and

15 Whereas, in later years, Matera was active in the nonprofit organization Honor
16 Flight, which was created to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices; and

17 Whereas, Matera valiantly committed himself to protect and faithfully serve
18 his country, and he will be deeply missed; and

19 Whereas, Major General Matera was the cherished husband of Janet Matera,
20 father of Terry, Eugene, Steve, and Rae Anne, grandfather of ten, and
21 great-grandfather of six, who are all proud to have known him and appreciate his
22 unwavering devotion to family and country; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
24 Legislature honors the remarkable life of Major General Raymond A. Matera and
25 extends its sincere sympathies to his family, friends, and comrades; and, be it further

