



State of Wisconsin
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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 13

February 28, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives PETRYK, BERNIER, SUMMERFIELD, KULP and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senator MOULTON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Representative Thomas Larson.

2 Whereas, Thomas “Tom” Larson was an entrepreneur, cattle farmer, loving
3 husband and father, proud grandfather, friend to all, and dedicated public servant;
4 and

5 Whereas, Tom was born on February 11, 1948, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin,
6 graduating from Colfax High School in 1966, and attended Chippewa Valley Tech;
7 and

8 Whereas, Tom worked in multiple trades and occupations, including farmer,
9 heavy equipment operator, metal fabricator, machinist, and commercial driver; and

10 Whereas, Tom was a master electrician and licensed designer and worked for
11 Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co. in Eau Claire for many years before starting and
12 managing his own business, Bear Valley Electric, in Colfax and Menomonie from
13 1991 to 2010; and

1 Whereas, Tom was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2010 and served
2 as a state representative for the 67th Assembly District for three terms, representing
3 most of Chippewa County and parts of Dunn and Barron counties; and

4 Whereas, Tom served as the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Family
5 Law, championed professional licensure legislation, and was an advocate for
6 veterans; and

7 Whereas, Tom was a member of the International Association of Electrical
8 Inspectors, Chippewa Valley Homebuilders, ABC of Wisconsin, Colfax Kiwanis Club,
9 National Rifle Association, National Federation of Independent Business, and the
10 Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; and

11 Whereas, Tom married his loving wife, Mary Ann Nelson Larson, in 1967,
12 raising three children, Roger, John, and Cynthia, together during their marriage of
13 50 years; and

14 Whereas, Tom loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing, tractor pulls, and
15 traveling, as well as spending time with his family, friends, and constituents; and

16 Whereas, Tom, on the day of his 50th wedding anniversary to Mary, and after
17 a long and hard-fought battle with cancer, passed away on February 18, 2017, to be
18 forever with our Lord and Savior; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin State Legislature join in honoring the life and public service of Thomas
21 Larson and extend their condolences to his family and friends.

22 (END)