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## 2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

March 10, 2021 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, COWLES and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives KNODL, ANDRACA, DRAKE, MAGNAFICI, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, TRANEL and SKOWRONSKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** honoring the life and service of Alfred J. “Cy” Tector, Jr., and  
2             commemorating his many accomplishments.

3             Whereas, Dr. Tector was born on May 29, 1934, in Utica, New York, to Alfred  
4     and Mariea Tector and passed away on December 3, 2020; and

5             Whereas, Dr. Tector is survived by his wife, Joy Kelly, and children, Joe, Matt,  
6     Leslie, and Kelly, as well his 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, to all of  
7     whom he was incredibly devoted; and

8             Whereas, Dr. Tector began his career in medicine in the medical corps of the  
9     U.S. Army, serving in the Korean War; and

10            Whereas, Dr. Tector then graduated from Utica College, attended the St. Louis  
11    University School of Medicine, completed his residency at the University of Iowa,  
12    and moved to Milwaukee to pursue a career in heart surgery, a practice still in its  
13    infancy; and

14            Whereas, Dr. Tector dedicated his life to serving others, particularly through  
15    his commendable career as a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon at St. Luke’s

1 Medical Center in Milwaukee, where he worked for more than 37 years, including  
2 as Director of the Heart Transplant Program; and

3 Whereas, over the course of his career, Dr. Tector transformed cardiac care,  
4 performing more than 14,000 open-heart operations, and earned recognition for  
5 inventions, innovations, and research that not only saved lives but also contributed  
6 to significant advancements in medicine and medical education; and

7 Whereas, under Dr. Tector's leadership, St. Luke's ranked as one of the best  
8 hospitals nationwide for volume of adult heart transplants and as the best hospital  
9 for one-year survival rates, for which the Wisconsin Historical Society awarded him  
10 the Rosa Minoka Hill Award for Distinction in Medicine in 2008; and

11 Whereas, Dr. Tector had a profound and inspiring impact on all who knew him  
12 and described him as caring, generous, unselfish, genuine, humble, and loyal; and

13 Whereas, Dr. Tector's example and his contributions to the practice of medicine  
14 both in Wisconsin and worldwide will continue to inspire and save lives for years to  
15 come; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature  
17 commends the life, accomplishments, and enduring contributions of Dr. Alfred J.  
18 Tector.

19 (END)