



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

June 14, 2013 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, MILLER, CARPENTER, MOULTON, WIRCH, COWLES and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KNUDSON, TRANEL, STRACHOTA, MURTHA, SANFELIPPO, SPIROS, TITTL, PETRYK, WRIGHT, A. OTT, WACHS, MURPHY, JORGENSEN, DANOU, BALLWEG and NASS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending Colonel Curtis Lee Brown, USAF (Retired), for being
2 inducted into the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame.

3 Whereas, Colonel Curtis Lee Brown of Hudson, Wisconsin, was inducted into
4 the prestigious United States Astronaut Hall of Fame on April 20, 2013; and

5 Whereas, Colonel Brown's induction into the United States Astronaut Hall of
6 Fame took place during the 2013 United States Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction
7 Gala at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida; and

8 Whereas, Colonel Brown was a career astronaut from August 1987 to May
9 2000, during which time he was a member of six space shuttle missions; and

10 Whereas, Colonel Brown set the NASA record for the most space flights in the
11 least amount of time by going on six space shuttle missions in the span of seven years;
12 and

13 Whereas, Colonel Brown also has the record for being the first aviator to have
14 six flights in the shuttle program and the record for being at the highest altitude any
15 shuttle has ever been in orbit; and

1 Whereas, Colonel Brown was the commander of Space Shuttle Discovery when
2 it made its famous space flight in 1998, which took former astronaut and United
3 States Senator John Glenn back up to orbit on STS-95; and

4 Whereas, Colonel Brown has experienced the humbling sight of viewing Earth
5 from space and describes looking down at a beautiful, calm, and peaceful blue and
6 white planet where borders separating countries are indistinguishable and
7 problems seem insignificant; and

8 Whereas, Colonel Brown was born and raised in North Carolina and now
9 resides in Hudson, Wisconsin, with his wife, Mary; and

10 Whereas, prior to his career as an astronaut, Colonel Brown attended the
11 United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

12 Whereas, Colonel Brown’s passion in life has been flying, and in his spare time,
13 he enjoys flying his World War II T-6 Texan model airplane, doing flyovers for
14 veterans’ events, and racing airplanes at the National Championship Air Races in
15 Reno, Nevada; and

16 Whereas, Colonel Brown continues to enjoy flying by working as a pilot for Sun
17 Country Airlines; and

18 Whereas, Colonel Brown generously provides merit-based scholarships in his
19 hometown in North Carolina to students pursuing post-secondary educational fields
20 of technical study; and

21 Whereas, Colonel Brown’s accomplishments as an astronaut have been an
22 inspiration to others; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
24 Wisconsin legislature do hereby commend and congratulate astronaut Curtis Lee

