



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 23

March 25, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives KNODL, ANDRACA, DRAKE, MAGNAFICI, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, TRANEL and SKOWRONSKI, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, COWLES and CARPENTER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

19 (END)