

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 115

March 14, 2018 - Introduced by Senators Darling, Cowles, Marklein, Moulton, Nass, Vukmir and Wanggaard, cosponsored by Representatives Tittl, Allen, E. Brooks, Edming, Jagler, Kitchens, Krug, Kulp, Macco, Petryk, Pronschinske, Rohrkaste, Skowronski, Tauchen, Thiesfeldt and Zepnick. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: honoring the life and service of Reverend William Franklin "Billy" 1 $\mathbf{2}$ Graham Jr. 3 Whereas, Billy Graham passed away on February 21, 2018, at the age of 99, marking the end of an extraordinary public life of wisdom, grace, and self-sacrifice; 4 5 and Whereas, Billy Graham was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ruth, and 6 7 is survived by his children, Virginia Leftwich Graham, Anne Graham Lotz, Ruth 8 Graham, Franklin Graham, and Nelson Edman Graham, and many grandchildren 9 and great-grandchildren; and 10 Whereas, Reverend Billy Graham served as an advisor, mentor, and counselor for 12 presidents of both parties; and 11 12 Whereas, President Ronald Reagan awarded Reverend Graham with the 13 Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1983; and

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1	Whereas, Billy Graham began his famous crusades in 1947 and conducted more
2	than 400 events in 185 countries, preaching the gospel and bringing people to Christ
3	in front of 215 million people; and
4	Whereas, Reverend Graham visited Wisconsin 22 times during his career,
5	including two stops in Milwaukee; and
6	Whereas, in the 1970s, Graham held a five-day crusade that drew 151,000
7	people to Milwaukee County Stadium and more than 60,000 for a ten-day
8	"Milwaukee Reachout" at what is now the UW-Panther Arena; and
9	Whereas, Reverend Billy Graham stated: "Someday you will read or hear that
10	Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am
11	now. I will have just changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God";
12	now, therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
14	Legislature hereby recognizes and honors the life and work of Reverend Billy
15	Graham.

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