

2011 Assembly Joint Resolution 117

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

Relating to: the life and public service of Jim Irwin.

Whereas, Hall of Fame announcer Jim Irwin had an illustrious career, spanning over three decades in Wisconsin, and died on January 22, 2012; and

Whereas, Jim served as Newsradio 620 WTMJ's longtime play–by–play voice of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, and Wisconsin Badgers, ultimately becoming known as the "Voice of the Green Bay Packers"; and

Whereas, Jim began his career at WTMJ in 1969, with his first assignment as color commentator on 620 WTMJ's Packers Radio Network; and

Whereas, Jim earned Wisconsin Sportscaster of the Year ten times, while being named to the Packers Hall of Fame and Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Jim was well known for his "Viewpoint" segment on 620 WTMJ's "Wisconsin Morning News," and showcased his rich talent and versatility with a long television career; and

Whereas, Jim will be most remembered for calling Packer games longer than any other announcer, and for lending voice to the Packers journey to the top of the NFL; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the members of the Wisconsin legislature do commend the distinguished career and public service that Jim Irwin contributed to his community, express their sorrow at his death, and extend their condolences to his wife Gloria, his family, and his friends; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Jim's widow, Gloria.

Senator Michael G. Ellis President of the Senate Representative Jeff Fitzgerald Speaker of the Assembly