

2015 Assembly Joint Resolution 81

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

Relating to: contributions of Bart Starr.

Whereas, Bryan Bartlett "Bart" Starr became a legend within the state of Wisconsin, not only through his unprecedented skills and accomplishments on the football field, but through his extraordinary charitable contributions and his remarkable role in multiple organizations throughout Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Bart Starr was vital in helping the Green Bay Packers and the National Football League attain the outstanding and impressive legacy that they have today; and

Whereas, Bart Starr began his legacy with the Green Bay Packers in 1956 and by 1960, he led the Packers to the Western Division Championship, which was their first of many successes with Bart Starr; and

Whereas, by the time Bart Starr left the Packers in 1971, he had led them to six division championships, five NFL titles, and two Super Bowl Championships; and

Whereas, throughout his 15 years as quarterback, Bart Starr was named Most Valuable Player three times, he held a number of NFL passing records, and he led the league in passing three times; and

Whereas, Bart Starr was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in 1977, which was just one of the many honors and awards that he received. Others include the Byron White Award and the NFL Award for Citizenship; and

Whereas, Bart Starr's hard work and dedication did not stop when he left the football field, as he played vitally important roles in organizations like the Rawhide Boys Ranch and the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation; and

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Whereas, Bart Starr was a co-founder of Rawhide Boys Ranch in New London, Wisconsin in 1965, which continues to help at-risk youth and troubled teens through difficult times by creating an environment where they can aptly work on their academics, receive valuable work experience, and learn important moral values; and

Whereas, Bart Starr, in the height of his success, donated much time, many resources, and priceless experiences with the boys of Rawhide to ensure its success; and

Whereas, Bart Starr, beyond his tireless work with Rawhide Boys Ranch, was also involved in the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation where he accepted the role as an Honorary Chairperson of the organization, which was a title he held for 44 years; and

Whereas, Bart Starr's involvement in the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation to raise money for cancer research and education has resulted in over \$18 million being raised towards the Vince Lombardi Cancer Clinics located through eastern Wisconsin and has touched the lives of thousands; and

Whereas, Bart Starr taught all of us that "desire and dedication are everything," and that through hard work, one can overcome daunting obstacles and fulfill one's dreams. Bart Starr lives by the T.E.A.M. principle which states that "Together Everyone Achieves More"; and

Whereas, Bart Starr not only left a lasting, unprecedented legacy in the sport of football, but has left an ongoing and deep legacy in the state of Wisconsin through his generosity, service, and dedication to those in need, and for that, he will always be remembered; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature recognizes Bart Starr's phenomenal contributions to the state of Wisconsin that have positively impacted the lives of so many citizens and congratulates him on his many accomplishments and achievements.

Senator Mary Lazich President of the Senate Representative Robin J. Vos Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk