



## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 69

November 2, 2015 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, BEWLEY, HANSEN, HARRIS DODD, LASEE, LASSA, MARKLEIN, OLSEN, WANGGAARD, L. TAYLOR and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives PETRYK, STEFFEN, ALLEN, BALLWEG, CONSIDINE, DANOU, GANNON, GENRICH, GOYKE, HINTZ, HORLACHER, JACQUE, JARCHOW, KAHL, KESSLER, KITCHENS, KREMER, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, A. OTT, J. OTT, PETERSEN, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SUBECK, SWEARINGEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL and WACHS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** contributions of Bart Starr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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