

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 5

January 29, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives Pronschinske, Petryk, Bowen, Emerson, Hebl, Kerkman, Krug, Milroy, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snyder, Spiros, Spreitzer, Tauchen, Tranel, Tusler and Vruwink, cosponsored by Senators Smith, Carpenter, Cowles, Felzkowski, Nass, Pfaff, L. Taylor and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Representative Barbara
2	Gronemus.
3	Whereas, Representative Barbara "Bobby" Gronemus, a dedicated public
4	servant and loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on January 17, 2021;
5	and
6	Whereas, Bobby was born to Irwin and Irene Barry on November 21, 1931, and
7	grew up on a farm near Sparta, Wisconsin; and
8	Whereas, prior to joining the legislature, Bobby worked with her late husband,
9	Lambert "Bert" Gronemus, on their farm and worked for 10 years as a nursing home
10	activities director; and
11	Whereas, Bobby was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1982 and went on to
12	represent the people of the 91st Assembly District for 26 years; and
13	Whereas, Bobby was proud of her farm background, using the moniker "the
14	Farmer's Daughter" during her election campaigns; and

1	Whereas, during her time in the assembly, Bobby was a tireless advocate for her
2	rural district, and particularly for farmers, once stating that she strived to be "the
3	best hired hand" the district could send to Madison; and
4	Whereas, in 1987, Bobby became the first woman to chair the Assembly
5	Committee on Agriculture, a position that she held until 1995; and
6	Whereas, Bobby was a member of several organizations throughout her life,
7	including the Council of State Governments' National Policy Steering Committee on
8	Agriculture and Rural Development, the National Conference of State Legislatures'
9	Agriculture and International Trade Committee, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau, the
10	Wisconsin Farmers Union, Whitehall Lions Club, Ducks Unlimited, and many
11	others; and
12	Whereas, Bobby loved fishing, flowers, dancing, and spending time with her
13	family and pets; and
14	Whereas, while serving in the legislature, Bobby's license plate read "WORK
15	4 U," which aptly describes her tireless efforts to work across the aisle to advance
16	legislation that assisted those she was so proud to serve; now, therefore be it
17	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
18	Wisconsin State Legislature join in honoring the life and public service of
19	Representative Barbara Gronemus and extend their condolences to her family and
20	friends; and, be it further
21	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
22	to her children, Michael, Jackie, and Susie.
23	(END)