



2021 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 19

June 18, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives MAGNAFICI, MILROY, SINICKI, BILLINGS, BOWEN, CONLEY, DOYLE, DRAKE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, KERKMAN, B. MEYERS, OHNSTAD, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SPREITZER, SUBECK, TAUCHEN, VRUWINK and MURPHY. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Ann Marie Hraychuck.

2 Whereas, Ann Marie Hraychuck was born on July 24, 1951, in Amery,
3 Wisconsin, and died on June 6, 2021, in Ashley, North Dakota; and

4 Whereas, Ms. Hraychuck graduated from Unity High School in 1969 and later
5 entered into the school's Hall of Fame; and

6 Whereas, Ms. Hraychuck was elected to the 28th District of the Wisconsin State
7 Assembly in 2006, serving until 2011 while carrying out her promise to legislate in
8 a bipartisan manner on behalf of the people of her district; and

9 Whereas, then-Representative Hraychuck chaired the Assembly Standing
10 Committee on Fish and Wildlife, and also served on the Assembly Committees on
11 Criminal Justice; Natural Resources; Rural Economic Development; and Tourism,
12 Recreation and State Properties; and

13 Whereas, during Ms. Hraychuck's tenure in the State Assembly, she advocated
14 for public policies that included, but were not limited to, establishing a hunting
15 mentorship program, improving public safety, increasing funding for rural public

1 schools, expanding recreational outdoors opportunities for people with disabilities
2 and veterans, increasing access to affordable health care, and helping the local
3 economy through expanded job training programs and increased access to capital for
4 small businesses; and

5 Whereas, prior to her time in the Legislature, Ms. Hraychuck served in the Polk
6 County Sheriff's Department for 32 years, including as Sheriff of Polk County from
7 2001 to 2006, one of only two women sheriffs in the state, and was awarded the Medal
8 of Valor in 1991 for brave and distinguished service; and

9 Whereas, Ms. Hraychuck rose through the ranks in the Sheriff's Department
10 before her election as Sheriff, serving as a secretary, then a jailer-dispatcher, and
11 next as an investigator specializing in crimes against children, domestic violence,
12 and homicide cases, as well as a law enforcement educator/trainer statewide for the
13 Wisconsin Department of Justice; and

14 Whereas, as a law enforcement officer, Ms. Hraychuck was widely respected for
15 her compassion for victims of crimes, but was recognized also for acting fairly in her
16 treatment of the accused; and

17 Whereas, by the end of Ms. Hraychuck's tenure as Sheriff, she had made huge
18 strides in ridding Polk County of illegal methamphetamine production and trade;
19 and

20 Whereas, as a skilled angler and hunter Ms. Hraychuck belonged to many
21 outdoors groups, including the Polk County Sportsmen's Club, of which she was the
22 first woman president, and she served also as a hunter safety education instructor
23 and volunteered with the group Deer Hunt for Hunters with Disabilities; and

24 Whereas, Ms. Hraychuck also was a member of the Polk County Democratic
25 Party, the Wisconsin Sentencing Guidelines Committee, the Violence Against

1 Women Act Advisory Board, and the Polk County Task Forces on Domestic Violence,
2 Elder Abuse, Child Abuse (chair), and Methamphetamine Abuse; and

3 Whereas, Ms. Hraychuck, as both State Representative and Sheriff, mentored
4 many staff who went on to public service careers in government, law, and law
5 enforcement and who will remember her always with deep devotion and affection;
6 and

7 Whereas, after her years in the Legislature, Ms. Hraychuck served as a security
8 officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in different parts of
9 the United States; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin State
11 Assembly commend and are grateful for the many years of public service that Ann
12 Marie Hoehne Hraychuck devoted to her county, state, and nation; express their
13 sorrow at her death; and extend their condolences to her husband, stepchildren,
14 siblings, and countless other relatives, coworkers, and friends; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
16 to Ms. Hraychuck's husband, David Hraychuck, and her stepchildren, David
17 Hraychuck and Katherine Sperry.

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