



State of Wisconsin
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2017 SENATE RESOLUTION 7

March 20, 2018 - Introduced by Senator RISSER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Bronson C. La Follette.

2 Whereas, former state Attorney General Bronson C. La Follette was born on
3 February 2, 1936, and died on March 15, 2018; and

4 Whereas, Bronson La Follette was born in Washington, DC, the son of Senator
5 Robert M. La Follette Jr. and Rachel Wilson Young, graduated from the Landon
6 School in Bethesda, Maryland, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of
7 Wisconsin-Madison in 1958, and earned his JD in 1960; and

8 Whereas, Bronson La Follette began his public service as the assistant U.S.
9 attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin in 1962; and

10 Whereas, in 1964, La Follette, a Democrat, was elected to his first two-year
11 term as the state's attorney general, and was reelected in 1966; and

12 Whereas, Bronson La Follette left the attorney general's office to run for
13 governor in 1968, losing to incumbent Governor Warren P. Knowles; and

1 Whereas, La Follette returned to public service when he was elected again as
2 attorney general in 1974 for a four-year term, and subsequently was reelected in
3 1978 and 1982; and

4 Whereas, in the 1982 election, Bronson La Follette was the first candidate for
5 state constitutional office to receive over one million votes; and

6 Whereas, Bronson La Follette received the Wisconsin District Attorneys
7 Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1979; and

8 Whereas, La Follette lost his bid for reelection in 1986 and retired from public
9 service when his final term ended; and

10 Whereas, Bronson La Follette was a long-time consumer advocate, serving as
11 the chairman of the President's Consumer Advisory Council from 1966 to 1969; was
12 a member of the board of directors of the Consumers Union from 1968 to 1977; and
13 was president of the Wisconsin Consumer's League in 1969; and

14 Whereas, Bronson La Follette worked to raise funds for many worthy causes
15 within Dane County and the state of Wisconsin, related to such issues as mental
16 health and child abuse; and

17 Whereas, Bronson La Follette, the grandson of legendary Wisconsin Governor
18 and U.S. Senator Robert M. La Follette, carried on the progressive traditions of his
19 family name; now, therefore, be it

20 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** the Wisconsin Senate salutes Bronson C. La
21 Follette's public service and mourns his passing; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
23 resolution to his family.

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