



## 2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

April 24, 2013 – Introduced by Senator FARROW, cosponsored by Representative SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1       **Relating to:** the life and public service of Joseph LaPorte.

2               Whereas, Mr. Joseph Charles LaPorte passed away on February 17, 2013, at  
3       the age of 91; and

4               Whereas, Mr. LaPorte's parents were Sicilian immigrants who came to  
5       Milwaukee in 1904; and

6               Whereas, Mr. LaPorte served our country as a technical sergeant in World War  
7       II, earning three battle stars for his exceptional service; and

8               Whereas, after serving in World War II, Mr. LaPorte lived in Waukesha for the  
9       rest of his life; and

10              Whereas, Mr. LaPorte served as a city of Waukesha alderman for five total  
11       terms, as mayor of the city of Waukesha for one term, and as Milwaukee County  
12       Supervisor for one term; and

13              Whereas, Mr. LaPorte and his wife Marion founded and operated their popular  
14       restaurant and tavern, LaPorte's Tap, which brought together customers from all  
15       over the area; and

1           Whereas, Mr. LaPorte worked diligently to bring the Regional State Office  
2 Building to downtown Waukesha, inspiring residents to contribute to the cause and  
3 realize that change is possible with persistence and passion; and

4           Whereas, Mr. LaPorte was an active member of several community  
5 organizations including St. Joseph’s Church, the American Legion, and the  
6 Waukesha Memorial Hospital Board; and

7           Whereas, Mr. LaPorte had a deep appreciation for his family and made them  
8 just as much a priority as the needs of the Waukesha community that he sincerely  
9 loved; and

10           Whereas, the residents of Waukesha will always remember Mr. LaPorte and his  
11 dedicated service to Waukesha; now, therefore, be it

12           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature and  
13 the people of Wisconsin honor the memory of Joseph LaPorte for his life and service  
14 to the people and to Waukesha.

15                                   (END)