



## 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 105

February 20, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives BEWLEY and MILROY,  
cosponsored by Senator JAUCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** honoring the life of Leo H. LaFernier Sr.

2             Whereas, Leo H. LaFernier was born May 9, 1933, in Red Cliff, Wisconsin, and  
3     passed away on January 13, 2014, at the age of 80; and

4             Whereas, Leo LaFernier grew up on the Red Cliff Reservation, attended school  
5     at St. Francis, and hunted and fished for subsistence; and

6             Whereas, Leo deeply respected nature and carried that respect and spirituality  
7     with him in his advocacy for native people, native rights, and natural resources; and

8             Whereas, Leo served in the U.S. Air Force in 1950, sailed on ore boats, worked  
9     in the oil industry, and, while working for Chicago Landscaping from 1959 to 1973,  
10    started the Chicago Indian Village; and

11            Whereas, Leo returned to Red Cliff with his family in 1973, he was elected to  
12    the Tribal Council in 1980, and in 1983 he was elected vice chair of the Red Cliff Band  
13    of Lake Superior Chippewa, a position he held until 1998; and

14            Whereas, in 1989 Leo traveled to Germany as an ambassador with other tribal  
15    members to teach Native American culture; and

