

State of Wisconsin



2011 Assembly Joint Resolution 17

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, James Hall Jr. was elected president of the NAACP Milwaukee chapter in November 2010. Mr. Hall has been a greatly respected attorney in the Milwaukee area for many years, focusing on employment and civil rights law. He has represented individuals and groups of employees in connection with employment issues and has negotiated several comprehensive settlements in those matters. Mr. Hall has also represented clients in labor relations matters. He was a founder of 100 Black Men of Milwaukee and is on the board of directors for the ACLU of Wisconsin; and

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Whereas, many African Americans have served in the legislature, including former senators Monroe Swan, Gwendolynne Moore, and Gary George and former representatives Lucien Palmer, Le Roy Simmons, Isaac Coggs, Cecil B. Brown, Walton Bryan Stewart, Raymond Lee Lathan, Lloyd Barbee, Walter L. Ward, Marcia P. Coggs, Johnnie Morris-Tatum, and Antonio Riley; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin recognizes the month of February 2011 as "Black History Month," and extends thanks and praise to the above-named persons for their contributions to the state of Wisconsin and their fellow citizens.

Senator Michael G. Ellis
President of the Senate

Representative Jeff Fitzgerald
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 17 (LRB -1691)

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03-28.	A.	Introduced by Representatives Toles, Grigsby, Fields, Turner, Zamarripa, E. Coggs and Young; cosponsored by Senators Taylor and S. Coggs.	
03-28.	A.	Read and referred to committee on Rules	204
04-12.	A.	Placed on calendar 4-14-2011 by committee on Rules.	
04-14.	A.	Adopted	239
04-14.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	239
04-15.	S.	Received from Assembly	221
04-15.	S.	Read and referred to committee on Senate Organization	221
04-15.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
09-13.	S.	Rules suspended to withdraw from committee on Senate Organization and take up.	
09-13.	S.	Concurred in.	
09-13.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged.	
09-13.	A.	Received from Senate concurred in	0

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