



1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 65

November 7, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives JENSEN, WASSERMAN, GREEN and NOTESTEIN. Referred to calendar.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Yitzhak Rabin.

2 Whereas, Yitzhak Rabin was born in Jerusalem in 1922; and

3 Whereas, during World War II, Mr. Rabin served as a member of the elite
4 Palmach unit of the Haganah underground; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Rabin fought for the independence of Israel as Deputy
6 Commander of the Palmach and as Commander of the Har-El Brigade in the Israeli
7 War of Independence; and

8 Whereas, Mr. Rabin was named Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army in 1964 and
9 commanded the defense of his homeland against the combined military attacks of
10 Egypt, Syria and Jordan in the Six-Day War of 1967; and

11 Whereas, Mr. Rabin was appointed Israel's Ambassador to the United States
12 in 1968; and

13 Whereas, Mr. Rabin became Israel's 5th Prime Minister in 1974; and

14 Whereas, Prime Minister Rabin signed the Egyptian-Israeli Disengagement
15 Agreement of 1975; and

16 Whereas, Mr. Rabin was named Minister of Defense in 1984 and balanced the
17 role of peacemaker and peacekeeper by directing both the Israeli withdrawal from

1 occupied Lebanon and the putting down of the Palestinian uprisings in Gaza and the
2 West Bank; and

3 Whereas, Mr. Rabin was elected Prime Minister of Israel for the 2nd time in
4 1992; and

5 Whereas, Prime Minister Rabin took a historic step toward peace in the Middle
6 East by signing the Self-rule Agreement with the Palestine Liberation
7 Organization, voluntarily giving back territory won by Israeli forces under his
8 command in the Six-Day War; and

9 Whereas, for his efforts in bringing a lasting peace to the Middle East, Prime
10 Minister Rabin was awarded the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize; and

11 Whereas, Prime Minister Rabin was killed by an assassin while encouraging
12 his divided nation to choose a course that would lead to a peaceful future and to
13 harmony with its Arab and Palestinian neighbors; and

14 Whereas, for 73 years Yitzhak Rabin was a soldier and statesman and patriot,
15 an architect of Israeli independence, a fierce defender of his people and his land in
16 war and a visionary for peace, a man skilled in the use of the sword, but bold enough
17 to dream of a day when nations would beat their swords into plowshares, and
18 courageous enough to ultimately give his life for that dream; and

19 Whereas, even in his death, Yitzhak Rabin has unified people and leaders from
20 the Middle East and the world, challenging them to realize that the vision of peace
21 cannot merely be the vision of one man but rather must be the vision and work of all
22 people; now, therefore, be it

23 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
24 Wisconsin legislature salute the extraordinary life and work of Yitzhak Rabin, and

1 in particular commend his courageous stand for a lasting peace, a stand for which
2 he met a violent death; and, be it further

3 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin legislature calls on the leaders of the Middle
4 East and the leaders of the world to strive to ensure that Yitzhak Rabin's death may
5 not have been in vain, but that his sacrifice will lead to the successful completion of
6 a lasting peace accord in the Middle East and may stiffen the resolve of people of
7 peace around the world; and, be it further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin legislature expresses its deep sorrow at Yitzhak
9 Rabin's death and extends its condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
11 resolution to Prime Minister Rabin's widow, Leah.

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