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2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

March 8, 2007 – Introduced by Senators Risser, Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Plale and Wirch, cosponsored by Representatives Pocan, Berceau, Black, Boyle, Hahn, Hebl, Hilgenberg, Hixson, Pope-Roberts, Seidel, Sheridan, Sinicki, Travis, Van Akkeren and Ziegelbauer. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

2	Whereas, Robert Marion La Follette, Sr., commonly known as "Fighting Bob'
3	La Follette, was born on June 14, 1855, in Primrose, Wisconsin; and
4	Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette served three terms in the U.S. house of
5	representatives, four terms in the U.S. senate, and three terms as Wisconsin's
6	governor; and
7	Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette believed that government could bring
8	about social and political progress for the greater good of all citizens; and
9	Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette strived to rid government of corruption or
10	all levels and played a critical role in the investigation surrounding the Teapot Dome
11	scandal; and
12	Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette's legacy includes populist policies still
13	followed today such as public disclosure of campaign contributions, worker's
14	compensation, direct primary elections, and the establishment of the U.S

Relating to: declaring June 14 Fighting Bob La Follette Day.

Department of Labor and the Federal Trade Commission; and

Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette ran for president of the United States on
the Progressive ticket in 1924, winning more than 17 percent of the popular vote; and
Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette believed in the "Wisconsin Idea," the
notion that government should collaborate with the University of Wisconsin to
address serious social and economic problems and applied the "Wisconsin Idea" to
bring about major reforms in banking and railroad regulation, the environment, civil
service, and taxation; and
Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette was a strong supporter of civil rights and
women's suffrage, earning respect from distinguished Americans such as Frederick
Douglass and Harriet Tubman Upton; and
Whereas, "Fighting Bob" La Follette was selected as one of "Five Outstanding
Senators" by the Special Committee on the U.S. Senate Reception Room in 1957; and
Whereas, Wisconsin's public schools already recognize "Fighting Bob" for his
lasting impact on Wisconsin by recognizing June 14 as "Fighting Bob" La Follette day
as recognized in section 118.02 (7r) of the statutes; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That June 14 and
subsequent yearly anniversaries shall be considered "Fighting Bob" La Follette
Day" in Wisconsin.

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