



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 8

February 15, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives NYGREN, KLENKE, JACQUE, BIES, WEININGER, GENRICH, BARNES, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BERNIER, BEWLEY, BROOKS, CZAJA, DANOU, ENDSLEY, HEBL, HINTZ, HONADEL, HULSEY, HUTTON, JAGLER, JORGENSEN, KAHL, KAUFERT, KERKMAN, KESTELL, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KOLSTE, KRUG, T. LARSON, LEMAHIEU, MARKLEIN, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, MURTHA, OHNSTAD, A. OTT, J. OTT, PASCH, PETRYK, RIEMER, RINGHAND, RIPP, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SMITH, SPIROS, STEINEKE, STONE, STRACHOTA, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, VRUWINK, WACHS, WEATHERSTON, WILLIAMS, YOUNG, ZAMARRIPA, ZEPNICK and POPE, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN, LASEE, COWLES, CARPENTER, DARLING, ELLIS, FARROW, GUDEx, HARRIS, KEDZIE, C. LARSON, LASSA, LAZICH, LEHMAN, MOULTON, PETROWSKI, SCHULTZ, SHILLING, TAYLOR, VUKMIR, OLSEN, RISSER and T. CULLEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring Donald Driver.

2 Whereas, Donald Driver overcame countless obstacles throughout his
3 childhood to become one of the most durable and consistently productive receivers
4 in the National Football League; and

5 Whereas, during his 14-year career, Donald was named to four Pro Bowl teams
6 and will retire as the Packers' all-time leader in receptions (743) and receiving yards
7 (10,137), is third in franchise history with 61 receiving touchdowns, and had seven
8 1,000-yard seasons, also a Packers record for a receiver; and

9 Whereas, Donald was chosen with the 213th pick in the seventh round of the
10 1999 NFL draft out of Alcorn State University in Mississippi, where he lettered in
11 both football and track and field; and

12 Whereas, Donald has been very active off the field throughout his career,
13 making over 300 charitable appearances since his rookie season in 1999, and in the
14 spring of 2001, Donald and his wife Betina created the Donald Driver Foundation,

1 which strives to end homelessness through education and donates to a variety of local
2 charities in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Houston, Texas; and

3 Whereas, in 2001, Donald was awarded the Community Service Award by the
4 Green Bay Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his outstanding community
5 involvement, and in 2005 he was awarded the Ed Block Courage award by his Green
6 Bay teammates; and

7 Whereas, Donald is also the author of three children’s books, based on Donald’s
8 bedtime storytelling to his three children, that are sold statewide in Wisconsin with
9 a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Donald Driver Foundation; and

10 Whereas, Donald has been a co-host of the show “Inside the Huddle with
11 Donald Driver” since 2004, and in May 2012, he won the fourteenth season of ABC’s
12 “Dancing with the Stars”; and

13 Whereas, Donald is one of the classiest individuals to ever put on an NFL
14 uniform and his tremendous work ethic, selflessness, and dedication to Packer
15 Nation will never be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
17 the state of Wisconsin recognizes and salutes Donald Driver on his remarkable
18 career with the Green Bay Packers; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
20 resolution to Donald Driver.

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