



2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 74

July 31, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives HAYWOOD, RIEMER, STEFFEN, ANDERSON, BOWEN, DITTRICH, GRUSZYNSKI, HINTZ, KITCHENS, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TUSLER, VINING and ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, CARPENTER, JOHNSON, HANSEN, JACQUE, MARKLEIN, MILLER, OLSEN, RINGHAND and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** celebrating Wisconsin's history of sports excellence through
2 recognizing the three most recent MVPs and proclaiming December 1 to
3 December 7, 2019, as MVP Week in Wisconsin.

4 Whereas, Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks took home the
5 National Basketball Association's 2018-19 Most Valuable Player Award after
6 leading the Bucks to a historic season and deep run in the playoffs; and

7 Whereas, Giannis joins three other Wisconsin professional athletes from all
8 three of our state's major professional sports teams who have earned their league's
9 highest honor in this decade, including Christian Yelich and Ryan Braun of the
10 Milwaukee Brewers in the 2018 and 2011 seasons, respectively, and Aaron Rodgers
11 of the Green Bay Packers in the 2014 and 2011 seasons; and

12 Whereas, these four athletes, through excellence in their sports, have become
13 household names not only in Wisconsin, but for sports fans throughout the nation;
14 and

1 Whereas, Giannis, Yelich, Braun, and Rodgers are leaders in the newest
2 generation of Wisconsin athletes performing at the top of their game, joining a
3 history of athletes earning their league's highest honor as a member of a Wisconsin
4 professional sports team, including MLB MVPs Hank Aaron, Rollie Fingers, and
5 Robin Yount, NBA MVP Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and NFL MVPs Don Hutson, Paul
6 Hornung, Jim Taylor, Bart Starr, and Brett Favre; and

7 Whereas, the three most recent MVP athletes in Wisconsin, Rodgers, Yelich,
8 and Giannis, all celebrate their birthdays in the first week of December on the 2nd,
9 5th, and 6th, respectively; and

10 Whereas, Wisconsin's tradition of sports excellence and place in sports history
11 is illustrated through 22 MVP awards between the Milwaukee Bucks, Milwaukee
12 Braves, Milwaukee Brewers, and Green Bay Packers, all given to athletes who lead
13 their leagues in the box scores week after week, were leaders in their locker rooms,
14 and found new ways to give back to their communities off the court or field; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
17 Legislature celebrates Wisconsin's history of sports excellence through recognizing
18 the three most recent MVPs on the occasion of their birthdays by proclaiming
19 December 1 to December 7, 2019, as MVP Week in Wisconsin and calling for a
20 celebration of Wisconsin professional sports teams.

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