



## 1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

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1     **Relating to:** commending the Green Bay Packers for their accomplishments during  
2           the past season.

3           Whereas, at the beginning of the 1995–96 season, football prognosticators and  
4 analysts predicted that the Packers would fall short of the success they enjoyed in  
5 previous years; and

6           Whereas, Packer fans wondered whether, but never doubted that, the team  
7 could succeed despite the loss of key players during the off–season; and

8           Whereas, Packer players knew, and never doubted, that they could overcome  
9 any obstacle if they practiced and played as a team; and

10          Whereas, Packer management and coaches believed, and never doubted, that  
11 their players had the talent and team attitude to compete and win; and

12          Whereas, the team started the regular season strong and finished strong,  
13 including a last–minute thriller against the Pittsburgh Steelers before their loyal  
14 fans at Lambeau Field on Christmas Eve; and

15          Whereas, winning the last regular season game clinched the team’s first  
16 National Football Conference Central Division title since 1972; and

1           Whereas, LeRoy Butler’s practice of jumping into the crowd following a Packer  
2 score has now become a Lambeau Field tradition; and

3           Whereas, the ghost of Terdel Middleton’s 1978 season was exonerated by Edgar  
4 Bennett, who, assisted by the blocking of a superb offensive line, rushed for over  
5 1,000 yards; and

6           Whereas, Robert Brooks ran sterling routes and made sharp catches that made  
7 fans forget the name of that player who started at wide receiver last season for the  
8 Packers; and

9           Whereas, by the grace of God, Reggie White rose up from a season-ending  
10 injury and was healed, just as the wounds of losing seasons past have been healed;  
11 and

12           Whereas, Brett Favre, the National Football League’s Most Valuable Player,  
13 has solidified his position as a Packer legend, joining the company of Bart Starr, Paul  
14 Hornung, Ray Nitschke and other Packer greats; and

15           Whereas, home field play in 1995 was closed in celebratory fashion with a  
16 convincing Packer victory over the Atlanta Falcons on the frozen tundra of Lambeau  
17 Field; and

18           Whereas, the Packers dominated the defending Super Bowl champions in an  
19 impressive second-round playoff win that proved to the entire football world that the  
20 Pack is back; and

21           Whereas, despite a valiant effort, the Packers’ season and the hopes of their  
22 fans came to a bitter end in the National Football Conference Championship Game  
23 against the Dallas Cowboys; and

24           Whereas, although the season ended with a loss, the accomplishments of the  
25 team are much more impressive, considering their success has been achieved during

1 an era of unrestricted free agency, team moves, greedy owners and disloyal players;  
2 and

3 Whereas, Packer fans, who are known and respected as the most faithful in all  
4 of professional football, stood by and, at times, lifted up members of the team in the  
5 end zone; and

6 Whereas, Packer President Bob Harlan; General Manager Ron Wolf; Head  
7 Coach Mike Holmgren; the entire coaching staff; the players; every member of the  
8 Packer organization; and the fans will continue to strive to help make the team the  
9 best in the National Football League; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of  
11 the state of Wisconsin commends the Green Bay Packers, who have concluded the  
12 franchise's most successful season since the 1966-67 season and have brought joy  
13 and excitement to the entire state, while proving once again that the Packers are not  
14 only Wisconsin's favorite team, but America's team as well; and, be it further

15 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint  
16 resolution to Green Bay Mayor Paul Jadin, to be shared with the residents of the city  
17 of Green Bay; Bob Harlan; Ron Wolf; Mike Holmgren; the team's play-off captains;  
18 and Rod Kresel, the President of the Green Bay Packer Fan Club (America's Pack).

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