1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Laurie Carlson.
2	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson began his life of making the world a better place
3	on January 12, 1908, in Bayfield, Wisconsin; and
4	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson attended the Northland College, where he was a
5	member of the varsity basketball team and graduated from University of Wisconsin
6	(UW); and
7	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson was a founder of the Progressive Party of
8	Wisconsin in 1934 and was elected to the Wisconsin state assembly in 1936 where
9	he served 3 terms, as well as serving 4 terms as clerk of courts for Dane County from
10	1968–76; and
11	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson was committed to the principles of the Progressive
12	Movement and to the needs of the less fortunate in our society; and
13	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson was an avid promoter of the winter sport of curling,
14	founding the U.S. Curling Foundation and serving as its first vice president from
15	1956–60; and

1	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson was an avid sports lover, supporting football and
2	basketball at UW-Madison and acted as a liaison between the athletic department
3	and the legislature during his 3 terms in the assembly; and
4	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson entertained many people over his 91 years with his
5	piano music; and
6	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson founded a number of successful businesses and
7	encouraged the efforts of others to become private entrepreneurs; and
8	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson's love of community involvement manifested in his
9	charter membership in the Madison Pen & Mike Club, the Madison Press Club, the
10	Elks Club, Masonic Lodge, Zor Shrine, Wisconsin Teacher Union, Musicians Union,
11	Kiwanis Club, Madison Club, and the First Baptist Church of Madison; and
12	Whereas, Laurie E. Carlson was deeply committed to his wife Helen and their
13	family, and was particularly proud of his 4 children — Maya, Jay, Laurene and
14	Geraldine — and their accomplishments in life; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
16	legislature does hereby commend the life and exemplary public service of Laurie E.
17	Carlson, and extend its sympathies to his children and their families; and, be it
18	further
19	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
20	resolution to each of Mr. Carlson's children.
21	(END)