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**From:** Miller, Steve  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2001 2:54 PM  
**To:** Dykman, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION: SR. THOMAS MORE BERTELS

Peter,  
Please let me know how this should be handled.  
SRM

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cross, William  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2001 2:47 PM  
**To:** Miller, Steve  
**Subject:** ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION: SR. THOMAS MORE BERTELS

Steve:  
Rep. Gronemus would like the attached AJR drafted for Introduction and hopeful legislative approval prior to the March 21<sup>st</sup> Ag Day Brunch by the Wisconsin Women for Agriculture. I didn't know which drafter to send it to, so you are the lucky one! I hope the items relating to her life presented are of help.

Many thanks for getting this in for drafting, and Rep. Gronemus would like it to have priority status under her name.

BILL CROSS



Bertels Sister AJR  
1-23-2001....

Rep. Gronemus

**AJR: Life of Sister Thomas More Bertels**

Whereas, Sister Thomas More Bertels, OSF, Ph.D., was born Louise Noel Bertels on January 18, 1918 in Ironwood, Michigan; and

Whereas, in 1939 she entered Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and in 1942 Professed as a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity accepting the religious name of Thomas More; and

Whereas, academically Sister earned the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Masters of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), and after teaching at various high schools in Wisconsin and Michigan became a respected and renowned Professor at Silver Lake College of Manitowoc, established and operated by her Order; and

Whereas, Sister's love and concern for the future of Agriculture and the role of farm women in Agriculture lead her to be a Co-Founder of Wisconsin Women for Agriculture, Charter Member of American Agri-Women, and Founding Member of the International Chamber of Agriculture; and

Whereas, Sister Thomas More Bertels not only championed numerous causes on behalf of Agriculture and the agricultural product producers by example but also by word as expressed in her essay "A Call To Power" and book entitled " In Pursuit of Agri Power: The One Thing North American Farmers and Ranchers Can't Produce" and written features in the books "It Takes A Hero" and "Women of Northeast Wisconsin Dreamers and Doers"; and

Whereas, in her lifetime, Sister received countless awards and recognition of her achievements academically, and on behalf of Agriculture, such as: being named Outstanding Educator of America; Founding Member of the Center for International Security Studies of the American Security Council Education Foundation, appointment to the Board of Governors of the Wisconsin State Bar; and the prestigious Outstanding Achievement, Leaven, and Veritas awards of the American Agri-Women; and

Whereas, affectionately, Sister was considered by her dearest friends in life to be a mentor; a motivator; a "Flying Farmers Nun" because of her many travels worldwide on behalf of Agriculture; one provoking action and setting a standard as a goal for farm women; God's voice of reason for American Agriculture; a "hell-raising nun" who stirred people to think about solutions to their problems; one who possessed a "kick-in-the-pants" approach to farmer's problems; an Agri-Women, Sister; a dear friend; and "our dear Sister T. More";

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin Legislature express their sorrow at the death of Sister Thomas More Bertels on July 24, 2000; commend the legacy Sister left on behalf of Agriculture and women in Agriculture; and extend their condolences to her family, friends, her religious family of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity and her agricultural family of the Wisconsin Women for Agriculture; and be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Women for Agriculture.



## 2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Sister Thomas More Bertels.

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3 Bertels on January 18, 1918, in Ironwood, Michigan; and

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5 and in 1942 Professed as a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity accepting the  
6 religious name of Thomas More; and

7       Whereas, academically Sister earned the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Masters  
8 of Arts, and Doctor of Philosophy ~~WVVM~~, and after teaching at various high schools  
9 in Wisconsin and Michigan became a respected and renowned Professor at Silver  
10 Lake College of Manitowoc, established and operated by her Order; and

11       Whereas, Sister's love and concern for the future of Agriculture and the role of  
12 farm women in Agriculture lead her to be a Co-Founder of Wisconsin Women for  
13 Agriculture, Charter Member of American Agri-Women, and Founding Member of  
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5 and the Wisconsin Women for Agriculture.

6 (END)



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January 24, 2001

### MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Gronemus

From: Attorney Peter J. Dykman, General Counsel

Re: LRB-2197 SR. THOMAS MORE BERTELS life and public service

The attached draft was prepared at your request. Please review it carefully to ensure that it is accurate and satisfies your intent. If it does and you would like it jacketed for introduction, please indicate below for which house you would like the draft jacketed and return this memorandum to our office. If you have any questions about jacketing, please call our program assistants at 266-3561. Please allow one day for jacketing.

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