

## 2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17

1       **Relating to:** the life of Dr. Laurel Blair Salton Clark.

2               Whereas, Dr. Laurel Blair Salton Clark was born on March 10, 1961, in Ames,  
3 Iowa, and died on the morning of February 1, 2003, when the space shuttle Columbia  
4 was lost while returning home to Earth; and

5               Whereas, Dr. Clark grew up in and always considered Racine her hometown;  
6 and

7               Whereas, Dr. Clark graduated from Racine Horlick High School in 1979 and  
8 went on to earn a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1983 and a medical degree in 1987  
9 from the University of Wisconsin–Madison; and

10              Whereas, after completing medical school, Dr. Clark joined the U.S. Navy  
11 where she served with distinction as a commander and a naval flight surgeon; and

12              Whereas, Dr. Clark was selected by the National Aeronautics and Space  
13 Administration as an astronaut in 1996; and

1           Whereas, while Dr. Clark’s journey through life took her to great heights, she  
2 always remembered Racine and Wisconsin, taking memorabilia from Racine Horlick  
3 High School and the University of Wisconsin–Madison with her into space; and

4           Whereas, Dr. Clark was a mother, daughter, sister, wife, and hero who died  
5 advancing the cause of science on her first space flight mission; now, therefore, be it

6           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
7 Wisconsin legislature commend the life of Dr. Laurel Blair Salton Clark, express  
8 their sorrow at her death, and extend their condolences to her family and friends;  
9 and, be it further

10           ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint  
11 resolution to Dr. Clark’s husband, Jonathan, and son, Ian, of Houston, Texas, to her  
12 mother, Marge, of Oro Valley, Arizona, to her brothers, Dan and Jon, and to her sister,  
13 Lynne.

14                                           **(END)**