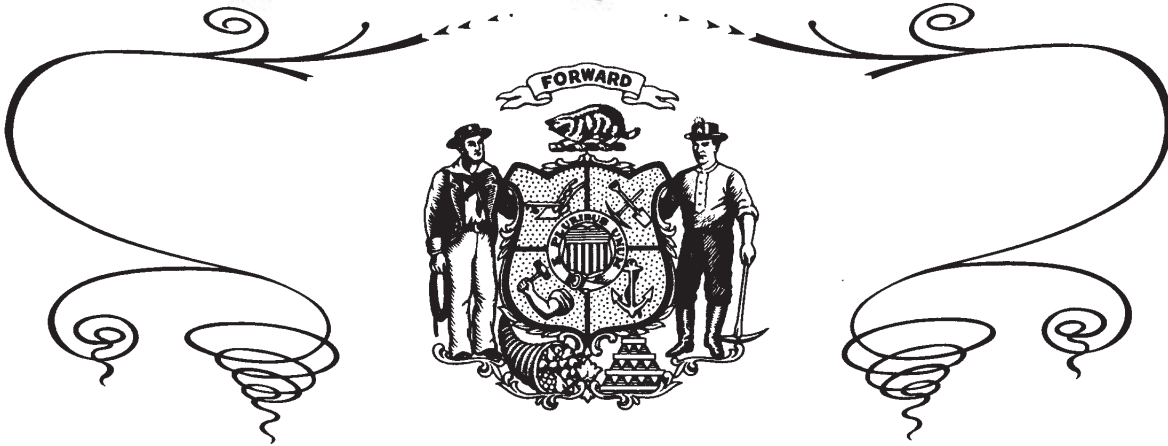


State of Wisconsin



2003 Senate Joint Resolution 17

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Date

Donald J. Schneider
Senate Chief Clerk