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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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~~Offered by Senators Taylor, Coggs~~

Relating to the life and the activism of James Cameron

Whereas, James Cameron was born on February 25, 1915, in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and died on June 11, 2006; and

Whereas, James Cameron was happily married to Virginia for 50 years and their union was blessed with five children, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren; and

Whereas at the age of 16, James Cameron was wrongfully charged with murder and sentenced to death, along with two of his friends that were killed by the mob, but Mr. Cameron's life was miraculously spared and was subsequently recognized by the U.S. Senate as the only known survivor of a lynching in 2005; and

Whereas, Mr. Cameron actively promoted social justice and civil liberties following his four years in prison and his parole in 1935 after which he was exonerated for the harassment and murder charges that he was accused of; and

Whereas, he served as the Indiana State Director of Civil Liberties from 1942-1950 and started the Madison, Muncie and South Bend, Indiana chapters of the NAACP; and

Whereas, Mr. Cameron worked to put an end to segregated housing in Milwaukee upon his return to Wisconsin in 1950, took part in the Civil Rights marches on Washington and wrote extensively, publishing hundreds of articles and booklets to educate individuals about civil rights issues; and

Whereas, James Cameron made several personal sacrifices for the furtherance of knowledge relating to racial injustices, including mortgaging his home a second time in order to publish his memoir, A Time of Terror; and

Whereas in 1979 Mr. Cameron visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Israel which inspired him to mirror the struggles of African Americans and the racial injustices that took place, in Wisconsin, not so long ago by founding America's Black Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee in order to preserve the history of African American's subjected to violence through lynching in 1988; and

Whereas, James Cameron, at the age of 80, continued his activism, and led a protest against a Klu Klux Klan rally; and

Whereas, James Cameron received a formal apology from the United States Senate for our failure to outlaw lynching; and

~~Whereas, Representatives to the Assembly Sheridan, Schneider, Young, Grigsby, Sinicki, Mason, Fields, Benedict, Turner, and Hintz join with members of the Senate in this resolution honoring James Cameron; therefore be it~~

**Resolved by the Senate, that the members of the Wisconsin State Senate commend the devoted activism and service that James Cameron contributed to his state and his community, in an effort to continue his vision of an America, free of the evils of racism.**

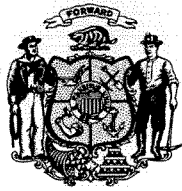
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Whereas, the adoption of this <sup>s</sup> ~~Senate~~ <sup>r</sup> Resolution is supported not only by the  
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