

2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 26

February 27, 2008 – Introduced by Senators COGGS, TAYLOR, CARPENTER, LASSA and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Mr. James Howard Baker.

2 Whereas, Mr. James Howard Baker was a draftsman and engineer for the city
3 of Milwaukee and was a founding member of the Community Brainstorming
4 Conference, an ongoing, dynamic community forum in Milwaukee dedicated to the
5 exchange of ideas on current issues of concern to Milwaukee; and

6 Whereas, Mr. James Howard Baker was known for his dedication to the highest
7 ideals of the community with a quiet commitment, sustained hard work, and
8 unimpeachable integrity; and

9 Whereas, Mr. James Howard Baker's legacy has been immortalized by the
10 Community Brainstorming Conference with the creation in 1989 of the James
11 Howard Baker Award, which is given annually to a person who serves Milwaukee's
12 people of color; and

13 Whereas, the James Howard Baker Award has been given in the past to such
14 notable community luminaries as James Cameron, founder of the Black Holocaust

1 Museum, civil rights activist and former state Representative Lloyd Barbee, and
2 United States Congresswoman Gwen Moore; and

3 Whereas, the adoption of this senate resolution is supported not only by the
4 senate, but also by members of the assembly, including specifically Representatives
5 Young, Grigsby, Turner, Sheridan, Toles, and Zepnick; now, therefore, be it

6 ***Resolved by the senate, That*** the members of the Wisconsin state senate
7 honor the life of Mr. James Howard Baker for the legacy of community involvement
8 and dedication to the improvement of Milwaukee through a free and open exchange
9 of ideas.

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