2007 SENATE RESOLUTION 27

February 27, 2008 - Introduced by Senators Coggs, Taylor, Carpenter, Lassa and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: commending the career and accomplishments of Mr. Billy Bruton. 2 Whereas, Mr. William Hall "Bullet Bill" Bruton began his major league baseball 3 career the same year the Braves moved from Boston to Milwaukee, starring in center 4 field from 1953 to 1960; and 5 Whereas, Mr. Billy Bruton became an immediate hero in Milwaukee when he 6 hit a tenth inning home run to clinch the season opening win against St. Louis, the 7 first of 94 career home runs: and 8 Whereas, Mr. Billy Bruton played with such notable stars as Joe Adcock, Eddie 9 Matthews, Warren Spahn, and Hank Aaron but was a star in his own right with a 10 career batting average of .273 and as the league leader in stolen bases three 11 consecutive seasons; and 12 Whereas, Mr. Billy Bruton was injured for the 1957 World Series which the 13 Milwaukee Braves won, but lead the 1958 World Series with a .412 batting average,

making him one of the most beloved Milwaukee Braves; and

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Whereas, the adoption of this senate resolution is supported not only by the senate, but also by members of the assembly, including specifically Representatives Young, Grigsby, Turner, Zepnick, Sheridan, and Toles; now, therefore, be it **Resolved by the senate, That** the senate of the state of Wisconsin honors Mr.* Billy Bruton for being a hero to the fans of the Milwaukee Braves and celebrates the career and accomplishments of one of the first, and one of the best, African–American major league baseball players.

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