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**ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

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**Relating to:** commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Joint Legislative Council and the legislative council staff.

Whereas, the Wisconsin legislative council and staff were created in 1947 by [chapter 444, laws of 1947](#), and have now served the Wisconsin legislature and the state of Wisconsin for 60 years; and

Whereas, the Joint Legislative Council, through its study committees, has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining traditions of open discussion and citizen participation in the legislative process in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the Joint Legislative Council has conducted over 500 studies, involving the participation of over 6,500 individual citizens of the state and legislators, and introduced over 1,300 pieces of legislation on a wide variety of topics, leading to more than 750 enactments; and

Whereas, the Joint Legislative Council study process has produced legislation in specific areas such as protection of groundwater, criminal code and penalties, insurance laws revisions, court reorganization, education, marital property, mediation–arbitration procedures, recycling programs, medical malpractice, laws to protect children, and establishment of the legislative administrative rule review process; and

Whereas, in addition to serving study committees, the legislative council staff supports the work of standing and statutory committees, provides assistance to individual legislators and their staffs, organizes and facilitates the biennial conference for new legislators, performs technical review of all proposed state agency administrative rules, and provides various other services; and

Whereas, through its many functions, both large and small, and in concert with its sister legislative service agencies, the legislative council staff is integral to the smooth functioning of the Wisconsin legislature; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Joint Legislative Council and the legislative council staff and recommits itself to the democratic principles of open discussion and citizen participation in the legislative process; and, be it further

***Resolved, That*** the legislature expresses its appreciation for the dedicated nonpartisan professional service provided to it by the legislative council staff.

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Representative Michael D. Huebsch  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Robert J. Marchant  
Senate Chief Clerk