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Hi Steve,

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Thank you!

Best,
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Assembly Joint Resolution

Relating to: the life and public service of Joseph LaPorte.

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte passed away on February 17th, 2013, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte was born to Sicilian immigrants who came to Milwaukee in 1904; and lived in Waukesha for the rest of his life after serving in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte served as a city of Waukesha alderman for five total terms and mayor for one term; and Milwaukee County Supervisor for one term; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte and his wife Marion founded and operated their popular restaurant and tavern, LaPorte's Tap, which brought together customers from all over the area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte served our country as a Technician Sergeant in World War II, earning three battle stars for his exceptional work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte worked diligently to bring the Regional State Office building to downtown Waukesha, inspiring residents to contribute to the cause and realize that change is possible with persistence and passion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte's establishment of the first senior citizen discount program and mass transit system in Waukesha was integral to the development of the Waukesha community; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte was an active member of several community organizations including St. Joseph's Church, American Legion and the Waukesha Memorial Hospital Board, reflecting his longtime commitment to bettering the lives of Waukesha residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte had a deep appreciation for his family and made them just as much a priority as the needs of the Waukesha community that he sincerely loved; and

WHEREAS, Mr. LaPorte and his dedicated service to Waukesha will always be remembered and valued by all residents of past, present and future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature and the people of Wisconsin do hereby honor the memory of Joseph LaPorte for his life and service of to the people and Waukesha.

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Obituary: Joseph 'Joe' Charles LaPorte

Former Waukesha mayor dies at age 91.

- February 19, 2013



Joseph "Joe" Charles LaPorte, of Waukesha, died on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013, surrounded by his loving family at Lighthouse of Brookfield.

Joe was born on Feb. 25, 1921, in Milwaukee, the son of Sicilian immigrants. His father, Filippo arrived in Milwaukee in 1904 and sent for his wife, Vincenza (Serni), a year later. The couple had nine children together, Joseph being the third youngest. Joe married the love of his life and his high school sweetheart, the late Marion Gengl, on December 27, 1941.

Joe started his career at International Harvester as an Industrial Engineer. Joe enlisted and served in the 543rd Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Co. as a Technician 4th Class (Sergeant). As a Tech. Sergeant, Joe prepared all equipment for shipment to the Pacific for use in that theater of war and was awarded three Battle Stars, while serving with the 36th Division. Joe was separated from his wife and 3-month-old daughter for three years while serving in the armed forces. While serving in Germany, Joe received the news of his younger brother, Naval Corpsman Sam LaPorte, being killed in Iwo Jima.

After being honorably discharged from the military, Joe returned home and had their second daughter and went back to work for International Harvester. He and his wife then opened their family tavern and restaurant "LaPorte's Tap".

After owning their own business, they eventually sold the tavern after 17 years and Joe went to work for General Casting again as an Industrial Engineer. At that time, Joe and his wife were building a home in Waukesha and he began to develop his career in politics. Joe will always be remembered as a public servant who represented and spoke for all the people of Waukesha.

Joe was a four-time elected Alderman in Waukesha in 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1977. In 1978, he was elected mayor of the City of Waukesha and held that office until 1982. He served on the Building and Grounds Committee (three years) as Chairman, served on the Personnel Committee (2years), Chairman on the Committee of Aging, member of the Water Utility Commission, was instrumental in establishing the school busing program beyond the two-mile limit and served as City Council President. He returned to his political career in 1985 and simultaneously served as Alderman and County Supervisor.

Joe was the first mayor to serve as an ex-officio member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental and worked tirelessly to organize and implement the State Office Building in downtown Waukesha. Joe solicited help from legislators, the Common Council, Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Business Group. This included letter writing and several trips to Madison by the Mayor and several citizens. As a civic minded, community servant he also established the first senior citizen discount program as well as started the mass transit program in Waukesha.

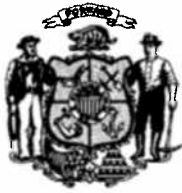
Joe was a past Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus (Waukesha), V.F.W. Post No. 721 member, American Legion Post No. 8 member, Waukesha Lodge of Elks No. 400 member, Waukesha Memorial Hospital Board member, Navigator of 4th Degree (Waukesha Assembly), and longtime member and usher at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Of his many accomplishments and years of service to the Waukesha community, Joe was most proud and passionate of his family.

Joe will be deeply missed by his daughters, Virginia "Ginger" (Bill) Warga of Waukesha and Kathleen "Kathy" (Bob) Hoffmeier of New Berlin; grandchildren Jodie (Dr. Thomas) Stekiel, William Warga III, Brian (Mary) Hoffmeier, and Joseph (Katie) Hoffmeier; great-grandchildren Rebecca, Andrew, James, Nicholas and Leah; sister Niņa Minessale of Brookfield; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, his parents, brothers Anthony, Salvatore, Antonino, and Filippo, and sisters Sarah, Constantina, and Natalie.

The visitation for Joe will be held on Friday, Feb. 22, 2013, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Cesarz, Charapata & Zinnecker Funeral Home, 237 N. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, WI 53188. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 822 N. East Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186. The Rev. William Key officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 7301 W. Nash St., Milwaukee, WI 53216.

Memorials are appreciated to the Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Wisconsin, 620 S. 76th St. #160, Milwaukee, WI 53214 or to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 822 N. East Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186.

The family of Joe would like to thank the staff of the Lighthouse of Brookfield and extend their appreciation for the gentle care and kindness they showed Joe in making it his home.



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION
2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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Rose, Stefanie

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