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Relating to: honoring the AFL–CIO Milwaukee Labor Press.

Whereas, the AFL–CIO Milwaukee Labor Press has been the journalistic “voice of Milwaukee labor” for the last 73 years; and

Whereas, the Labor Press published its final issue on March 29, 2013, leaving behind it a legacy of excellent reporting; and

Whereas, for over seven decades, Milwaukee residents could count on the paper to offer a broad range of coverage, from union issues such as wages, hours, and working conditions to social policies and in-depth examinations of the issues working families face; and

Whereas, as of its final issue, the Milwaukee Labor Press was the Midwest’s largest labor newspaper and the second largest home-delivered paper in Wisconsin, with nearly 44,000 subscribers; and

Whereas, the newspaper was founded in 1911 as a large weekly paper, the Milwaukee Leader, and became the Milwaukee Labor Press, the official paper of the Federated Trades Council, in 1940; and
Whereas, in transitioning to a monthly paper in the early 1970s, the *Labor Press* continued to offer an honest and relatable analysis of pressing issues and current events and provided an important avenue for discussion for Milwaukee’s families; and

Whereas, under the guidance of editor Dominique Paul Noth, the *Labor Press* produced high-quality news coverage and became internationally recognized as a progressive leader; and

Whereas, in 2010, Mr. Noth and the *Labor Press* won the most multiple awards in the history of the prestigious International Labor Communications Association, including First Place for General Excellence; and

Whereas, the *Labor Press* did the essential work of reporting the perspective of working families—a perspective that will be greatly missed in our mailboxes; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature and the people of Wisconsin do hereby honor the AFL-CIO *Milwaukee Labor Press* for its important role in Wisconsin history, and for over seven decades of dedicated service to Wisconsin’s families.

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