2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

March 29, 2017 – Introduced by Senators CARPENTER, RISSER, JOHNSON, MILLER, L. TAYLOR, C. LARSON, RINGHAND and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SPREITZER, ZAMARRIPA, MASON, GOYKE, ANDERSON, ZEPNICK, HESSELBEIN, SARGENT, C. TAYLOR, CONSIDINE, SINICKI, CROWLEY and BOWEN. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.


Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance, which occurs annually on November 20, is a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia and to bring attention to the continued violence endured by the transgender community; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman, founded Transgender Day of Remembrance in 1999 to memorialize the murder of transgender woman Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts; and

Whereas, since its inception, Transgender Day of Remembrance has been held annually on November 20, and it has slowly evolved from the Web-based project started by Smith into an international day of action. Transgender Day of Remembrance has been observed in over 185 cities throughout more than 20 countries; and
Whereas, Transgender Day of Remembrance memorials traditionally include
a reading of the names of those who lost their lives during the previous year, and may
include other actions, such as candlelight vigils and marches; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature does hereby recognize and proclaim November 20, 2017, Transgender
Day of Remembrance in Wisconsin.

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