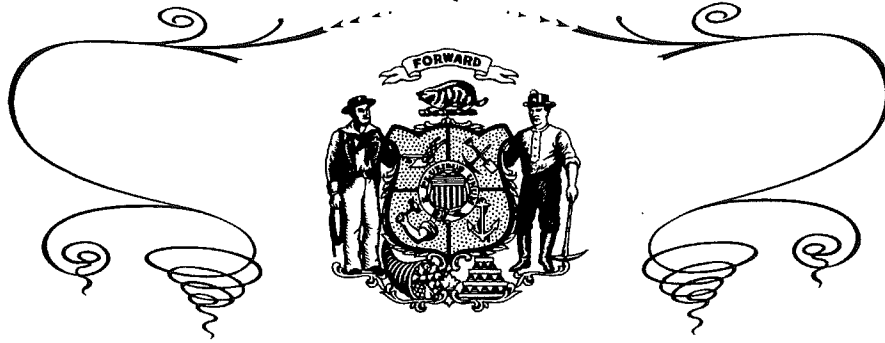


State of Wisconsin



2019 Senate Joint Resolution 4

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, after retiring from the State Senate, Chilsen served on the board of the town of Weston for 17 years before stepping down at the age of 94 in December 2017; and

Whereas, Chilsen and his wife of 65 years, Rose, were involved in many volunteer activities and were instrumental in the founding of The Neighbors' Place, a Wausau community center that provides food and other basic necessities for those in need; and

Whereas, Chilsen's beloved wife Rose, who passed away on April 4, 2019, exactly 100 days after her husband, saw to it that Chilsen was elected to the State Senate for five terms; and

Whereas, Chilsen is survived by his eight children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature salute the life and public service of Walter John Chilsen and mourn his passing; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to his family.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Roger Roth
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk

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01-29. S. Introduced by Senators **Petrowski, Tiffany, Bernier, Cowles, Jacque, Marklein, Miller, Nass, Olsen, Ringhand, Risser and Smith**; cosponsored by Representatives **Snyder, Felzkowski, Allen, Edming, Krug, Kulp, Murphy, Ramthun, Shankland, Sinicki, Sortwell, Spiros, Steffen, Tauchen, Vruwink, Zimmerman and Tusler** 48

01-29. S. Read and referred to Committee on Senate Organization 48

01-29. S. Available for scheduling

02-01. S. Representative Subeck added as a cosponsor 52

11-01. S. Placed on calendar 11-5-2019 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) 473

11-05. S. Rules suspended and taken up 479

11-05. S. Read 479

11-05. S. **Adopted** by unanimous rising vote 479

11-05. S. Entire membership of the Senate added as coauthors 479

11-05. S. Ordered immediately messaged 482

11-06. A. Received from Senate 362

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02-06. A. Read and referred to committee on Rules 545

02-18. A. Placed on calendar 2-20-2020 by Committee on Rules

02-20. A. **Concurred in**

02-20. A. Ordered immediately messaged

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Adopted Documents

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Amendments: None or Listed below.

Corrections: None or Listed by date below.

Topic: Same as relating clause or Indicated below.

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