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Call with Tim – Sen. Petrowski’s office

Replace:

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With:

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Kasper, Madeline

From: Fiocchi, Tim
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 3:35 PM
To: Kasper, Madeline
Subject: Resolution

Hi Madeline,

The resolution looks good – can you send over a /1?

Thanks,

Tim

Tim Fiocchi
Chief of Staff, Senator Jerry Petrowski
29th Senate District
(608) 266-2502



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Hanaman, Cathlene

From: Champagne, Rick
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 2:09 PM
To: Hanaman, Cathlene
Subject: FW: Chilsen Joint Resolution
Attachments: SJR 4-Chilsen Resolution.pdf

From: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Chilsen Joint Resolution

Hi Rick,

I was wondering if we could get a "corrected" copy for SJR 4? Since this resolution was drafted for former Senator Walter John Chilsen, his wife, Rose, had also passed away. In the resolution it says he is survived by her in the last Whereas paragraph. Could we maybe just add another Whereas paragraph before that last one mentioning that she, too, passed away? I've attached a link to her obituary here for more information on her. Then just take her name out of the last paragraph and just mention the children and grandkids?

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/wausaudailyherald/obituary.aspx?n=rose-chilsen&pid=192198024&fhid=15192>

I talked with Tim in Sen. Petrowski's office and they're fine with just doing a corrected copy.

I was going to send it to the drafter, but I don't know who MRK is?? No one with those initials are listed in your 2019 LRB directory.

Thanks.

Jeff



2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

changes made 06-19-19

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on April 4, 2019, exactly
100 days after
Whereas, Rose Chilsen passed away
her husband; and

Champagne, Rick

From: Renk, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 3:16 PM
To: Champagne, Rick
Cc: Fiocchi, Tim
Subject: FW: Walter John Resolution

Hi Rick,

Is it possible to get these changes to Senate Joint Resolution 4, without doing a corrected copy?

We're not taking it up until November so there's no rush.

Thanks.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

We have the changes to the resolution.

There is a typo on top of page 2 – become should be became. Should state be capitalized when referring to State Senate (in the 5th whereas clause on page 2...Whereas, after retiring from the state Senate,)

Please add a clause:

Whereas, after the war, Chilsen attended Northwestern University and then graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. (I know there is already a "after the war" clause. Maybe include this or word it)

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 5 terms; and

Whereas, Chilsen is survived by his eight children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren;

Let me know if you have questions.

Thank you.

Kris Chilsen
608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:45 AM

To: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>

Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Kris,

That's great. I let leadership know that November 5th is the date that works for your family. I'll send you more details when it's finalized. Attached is a copy of the resolution again. I think if we had any changes to the content by the end of October would be enough time.

Thanks.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:16 AM

To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

The November 5th date works for most of our family. Please keep me posted as to time and what to expect. I know you are still waiting for changes to the working of the resolution. We'll get on that. Please let me know what your deadline is for that. It's like herding cats to get something like that finalized. :o) Perhaps you could send it to me again.

Thank you.

Kris Chilsen
608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:25 AM

To: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>

Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Kris,

Just wanted to update you that the Senate will be in session next on October 8th, then again on November 5th. Those are the only two days for the rest of this year. Let me know if either one of those work. Both are Tuesdays.

Hope things are going well.

Take care.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 8:05 AM

To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

Thank you, first of all, for trying to work out a favorable time so that our family can participate in this honorary event. We are in the process of getting the house in Wausau ready for sale by 9/1/19 and have an estate sale scheduled for 9/20-22/19. That means that it would be next to impossible for our family to do anything unrelated to the house sale until the week of September 23rd. Please keep me posted on best dates for the legislature.

I apologize that we have been too busy to re-word the resolution yet. I will work to get that to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope that you enjoy your summer.

Kris Chilsen
608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Kris,

The only day the Senate is going to be in session this month is for the state budget only, and they're not sure which day that will be and may not know until the last minute. Therefore, I suggest we shoot for a day in September when we are back in session after the summer break. That will give your family more time to plan. The possible dates for session at this point are September 17th-26th. I should be able to give you an exact date in early September or maybe even late August. I hope that will be OK?

Also, how would you like the wording changed in the resolution since Rose has passed? We will for sure have it changed though so it doesn't say that he is survived by Rose.

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 7:50 AM
To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

I hope you are doing well. I have not been following what the legislature is doing and wonder what the status is of introducing the joint resolution. My family would like to be in attendance so we'd like to get it on our calendars if you have any idea when that might be. Could you please just let me know if there is a date that is being considered?

Thank you.

Kris Chilsen
608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:17 AM
To: success@litewire.net
Subject: Walter John Resolution

Hello Kris,

I hope all is well with the Chilsen family. Attached is the joint resolution that was introduced by Senator Petrowski from the 29th Senate district and Representative Snyder. The Senate is looking to take it up either on Tuesday, April 9th or May 14-16. We would like to honor Walter John and have the family in attendance if that is something you would like to do? If so, please let me know which dates would work for your family. We could even push it out to June if that works better.

Also, if you would like the resolution changed in any way, like adding some information, please let me know and we can have that done.

Feel free to give me a call at (608) 266-2517 if you would like to further discuss.

Take care,

Jeffrey Renk
Chief Clerk & Director of Senate Operations
Wisconsin State Senate
Room B20 Southeast, State Capitol
(608) 266-2517
jeff.renk@legis.wisconsin.gov

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Hanaman, Cathlene

From: Champagne, Rick
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 2:26 PM
To: Hanaman, Cathlene
Subject: FW: Walter John Resolution

Help!

From: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Rick,

Thanks for updating SJR 4 with the changes. However, could the changes to the two "After the war..." sections be made into one? It reads funny when saying it two times right after each other, plus it seems out of order. Maybe combine them like this....

Whereas, after the war, Chilsen attended Northwestern University and then graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. He then went on to pursue a career in acting as well as in radio broadcasting at WLIN radio in Merrill; and

Thanks.

Jeff

From: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Yes, we will get new SJR 4 to you (without "corrected copy" on it).

From: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 3:16 PM
To: Champagne, Rick <Rick.Champagne@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Fiocchi, Tim <Tim.Fiocchi@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: FW: Walter John Resolution

Hi Rick,

Is it possible to get these changes to Senate Joint Resolution 4, without doing a corrected copy?

We're not taking it up until November so there's no rush.

Thanks.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 3:00 PM
To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

We have the changes to the resolution.

There is a typo on top of page 2 – become should be became. Should state be capitalized when referring to State Senate (in the 5th whereas clause on page 2...Whereas, after retiring from the state Senate,)

Please add a clause:

Whereas, after the war, Chilsen attended Northwestern University and then graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. (I know there is already a “after the war” clause. Maybe include this or word it)

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 5 terms; and

Whereas, Chilsen is survived by his eight children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren;

Let me know if you have questions.

Thank you.

Kris Chilsen
608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Kris,

That’s great. I let leadership know that November 5th is the date that works for your family. I’ll send you more details when it’s finalized. Attached is a copy of the resolution again. I think if we had any changes to the content by the end of October would be enough time.

Thanks.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:16 AM

To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

The November 5th date works for most of our family. Please keep me posted as to time and what to expect. I know you are still waiting for changes to the working of the resolution. We'll get on that. Please let me know what your deadline is for that. It's like herding cats to get something like that finalized. :o) Perhaps you could send it to me again.

Thank you.

Kris Chilsen
608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:25 AM

To: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>

Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Kris,

Just wanted to update you that the Senate will be in session next on October 8th, then again on November 5th. Those are the only two days for the rest of this year. Let me know if either one of those work. Both are Tuesdays.

Hope things are going well.

Take care.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 8:05 AM

To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>

Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

Thank you, first of all, for trying to work out a favorable time so that our family can participate in this honorary event. We are in the process of getting the house in Wausau ready for sale by 9/1/19 and have an estate sale scheduled for 9/20-22/19. That means that it would be next to impossible for our family to do anything unrelated to the house sale until the week of September 23rd. Please keep me posted on best dates for the legislature.

I apologize that we have been too busy to re-word the resolution yet. I will work to get that to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

I hope that you enjoy your summer.

Kris Chilsen

608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Kris,

The only day the Senate is going to be in session this month is for the state budget only, and they're not sure which day that will be and may not know until the last minute. Therefore, I suggest we shoot for a day in September when we are back in session after the summer break. That will give your family more time to plan. The possible dates for session at this point are September 17th-26th. I should be able to give you an exact date in early September or maybe even late August. I hope that will be OK?

Also, how would you like the wording changed in the resolution since Rose has passed? We will for sure have it changed though so it doesn't say that he is survived by Rose.

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Jeff

From: Kris Chilsen <success@litewire.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 7:50 AM
To: Renk, Jeff <Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Walter John Resolution

Hi Jeff,

I hope you are doing well. I have not been following what the legislature is doing and wonder what the status is of introducing the joint resolution. My family would like to be in attendance so we'd like to get it on our calendars if you have any idea when that might be. Could you please just let me know if there is a date that is being considered?

Thank you.

Kris Chilsen
608-698-1587

From: Renk, Jeff [<mailto:Jeff.Renk@legis.wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:17 AM
To: success@litewire.net
Subject: Walter John Resolution

Hello Kris,

I hope all is well with the Chilsen family. Attached is the joint resolution that was introduced by Senator Petrowski from the 29th Senate district and Representative Snyder. The Senate is looking to take it up either on Tuesday, April 9th or May 14-16. We would like to honor Walter John and have the family in attendance if that

is something you would like to do? If so, please let me know which dates would work for your family. We could even push it out to June if that works better.

Also, if you would like the resolution changed in any way, like adding some information, please let me know and we can have that done.

Feel free to give me a call at (608) 266-2517 if you would like to further discuss.

Take care,

Jeffrey Renk

Chief Clerk & Director of Senate Operations

Wisconsin State Senate

Room B20 Southeast, State Capitol

(608) 266-2517

jeff.renk@legis.wisconsin.gov

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