February 17, 2020 – Introduced by Representative Wichgers. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring February 29, 2020, as LeRoy’s Leap Day.

Whereas, on December 26, 1993, Green Bay Packers strong safety and NFL All Star LeRoy Butler returned a fumble caused by Reggie White for a touchdown against the Los Angeles Raiders and jumped into the stands in celebration, creating the first-ever Lambeau Leap; and

Whereas, the Lambeau Leap is so legendary that it remains legal despite the NFL implementing rules against other celebrations; and

Whereas, LeRoy Butler forever changed professional football by jumping the wall that separates spectators from athletes in the sport’s ultimate interactive moment; and

Whereas, LeRoy Butler spent his entire football career with the Green Bay Packers, became a four-time NFL Pro Bowl and All Pro player, a Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame inductee, a Super Bowl XXXI Champion and an NFL Hall of Fame nominee; and
Whereas, LeRoy Butler is sought after every four years on Leap Day for events and promotions but has chosen to spend Leap Day 2020 raising funds for Hebron Housing Services; and

Whereas, as a child who overcame both poverty and physical challenges, LeRoy Butler will take time to speak about his experience, meet donors, and sign autographs on February 29, 2020, with proceeds going to Hebron Housing Services’ mission to end homelessness in Waukesha; and

Whereas, Hebron Housing Services is the oldest nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter in Waukesha at three locations for men, women, and children, and its case managers work with guests to connect them with long-term solutions for stable housing; and

Whereas, many people do not realize homelessness very much exists in the suburbs as well as in the city, and this event will raise both awareness and much-needed funds; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature honors February 29, 2020, as “LeRoy’s Leap Day.”

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