June 18, 2019 – Introduced by Representatives Hebl, Pope, Zamarripa, Shankland and Gruszynski, cosponsored by Senator Miller. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: commemorating Sun Prairie volunteer fire fighter Cory Barr, the Sun Prairie Police Department, the Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department, and the Sun Prairie Emergency Medical Services on the one-year anniversary of the gas line explosion in downtown Sun Prairie.

Whereas, on July 10, 2018, a gas main explosion at the intersection of N. Main St. and S. Bristol St. in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin took the life of Cory Barr; and

Whereas, Cory Barr left behind his wife Abigail and his twin daughters; and

Whereas, Cory Barr was a captain with the Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department; and

Whereas, Cory Barr and his wife co-owned The Barr House, a local bar that was leveled in the explosion; and

Whereas, Cory Barr was at The Barr House when reports came in of a gas leak and immediately began to help people evacuate the area, and continued to help clear local streets and other businesses, saving countless lives before the explosion occurred; and
Whereas, Cory Barr sustained life-threatening injuries when the gas leak exploded, eventually dying from his wounds; and

Whereas, the Sun Prairie Police Department, Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department, and the Sun Prairie Emergency Medical Services leapt into action after the initial report, evacuating the area and ensuring the safety of innumerable residents of Sun Prairie; and

Whereas, the members of the Sun Prairie Police Department, Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department, and the Sun Prairie Emergency Medical Services selflessly put themselves in harm’s way and made the safety and security of locals their top priority; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature hereby commends the sacrifices made by Cory Barr, the Sun Prairie Police Department, the Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department, and the Sun Prairie Emergency Medical Services and recognizes their work as well as the lives they saved on the one-year anniversary of Cory Barr’s death.

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