2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

February 12, 2020 – Introduced by Senator Risser, cosponsored by Representative Stubbs. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming the year 2020 as the 100th Anniversary of the American Family Children’s Hospital.

Whereas, the first children’s hospital in Madison opened its doors 100 years ago, in 1920; and

Whereas, the American Family Children’s Hospital was originally located at 1225 Linden Drive on the University of Wisconsin campus and was named the Mary Cornelia Bradley Hospital for the Study of Children’s Diseases, in memory of a six-year-old girl who died from measles complications in 1916; and

Whereas, between 1930 and 2007, children were hospitalized at three subsequent locations on the UW–Madison campus: the “old” University Hospital, the Wisconsin Orthopedic Hospital (later named UW Children’s Hospital), and the “new” University Hospital; and

Whereas, demand for a more spacious, state-of-the-art pediatric hospital culminated in the construction of the world-class American Family Children’s
Hospital, which opened in 2007 thanks to a generous initial naming gift from American Family Insurance; and

Whereas, new treatments and screenings for life-altering diseases such as childhood cancer, cystic fibrosis, childhood asthma, heart disease, obesity, premature birth, and others have been developed here, thanks to research initiatives led by prominent faculty members from the UW Department of Pediatrics; and

Whereas; *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked American Family Children’s Hospital among the nation’s best in multiple specialties; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature, in recognition of one hundred years of service and caring for the children and families of Wisconsin, the United States, and beyond, does hereby proclaim the year 2020 as the 100th Anniversary of the American Family Children’s Hospital.

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