

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 112

March 10, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives Berceau, C. Taylor, Hulsey, Young, Hesselbein, Milroy, Sinicki, Richards, Pasch, Sargent, Shankland, Bernard Schaber, Ballweg, Pope, Wachs, Zamarripa and Ringhand, cosponsored by Senators Risser, Vinehout, Miller, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Schultz, Lehman, Cowles and Lassa. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: the life and public service of Mary Lou (Rogers) Munts.

Whereas, Mary Lou (Rogers) Munts served six terms in the Wisconsin State Assembly from 1973 to 1984 and was a leader in advancing the role of female lawmakers and women in the state of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Mary Lou Rogers was born on August 21, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois; attended Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania; took a leave of absence to work on the congressional campaign of Vernon O'Rourke; completed her undergraduate studies and earned a master's degree in economics at the University of Chicago in 1947; and earned a law degree from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1976; and

Whereas, Mary Lou Rogers married Raymond Munts in 1947 and together they had four children; and

Whereas, she took part as an activist in critical times throughout United States history, such as the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War protests; and

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1	Whereas, Mary Lou Munts ran for the State Assembly to be a citizens' lobbyist
2	and public interest legislator and became just that; and
3	Whereas, during her tenure in the State Assembly she authored and passed the
4	Protective Services Act to defend the rights of people with disabilities; the Mental
5	Health Act to extend rights, services, and protections to people who struggled to get
6	care; and legislation to reform the state's marital property law by giving men and
7	women the same claims to property in a marriage; and
8	Whereas, Mary Lou Munts chaired the Assembly Committee on Environmental
9	Quality and wrote groundbreaking legislation on the siting of power plants, water
10	quality, and recycling; and
11	Whereas, Mary Lou Munts was the first woman to co-chair the legislature's
12	powerful Joint Committee on Finance and the first woman to oversee the Public
13	Service Commission; and
14	Whereas, Mary Lou Munts was widely known for her bipartisan work, her
15	ability to "find consensus when others wouldn't even make a stab at it," and her
16	infallible energy; and
17	Whereas, Mary Lou Munts passed away December 22, 2013, at the age of 89;
18	now, therefore, be it
19	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
20	Wisconsin legislature commend the public service that Mary Lou Munts contributed
21	to her community, express their sorrow at her death, and extend their condolences
22	to her family and friends.

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