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## State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 123

March 26, 2014 - Introduced by Representative Kessler. Referred to Committee on Rules.

**Relating to:** the life and public service of Lauri J. Wynn.

Whereas, Lauri J. Wynn was born in 1930, in Harlem, New York, and died on December 18, 2013, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Lauri J. Wynn spent the majority of her life living and working in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a teacher, striving to make Milwaukee a greater city by nurturing the empowerment of youth, adults, and the community; and

Whereas, Lauri J. Wynn began her teaching career in the Chicago Public Schools in 1956, teaching high school history and working as an elementary school teacher, before accepting a position teaching in the Milwaukee Public Schools, where she served from 1965 to 1983; and

Whereas, Lauri J. Wynn's dedication to teaching led to her becoming the first African–American woman to serve as president of the Wisconsin Education Association Council, in 1973, and later serving as an executive committee member of the National Education Association (NEA) from 1975 to 1980 before becoming a policy advisor on black affairs for Governor Tony Earl from 1983 to 1986; and

Whereas, Lauri J. Wynn helped lead the fight to desegregate the Milwaukee Public Schools, along with attorney Lloyd Barbee, by delivering a detailed presentation on the problems associated with segregation within the Milwaukee Public Schools to the NEA Executive Board in Washington, D.C., securing a substantial grant from the NEA to help the school desegregation movement in Milwaukee and elsewhere; and

Whereas, Lauri J. Wynn's lifetime of work and tireless efforts in education made others realize that, in Lauri's words, "it takes the entire community to make the difference in things that challenge the human spirit"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service that Lauri J. Wynn contributed to this state and her community, express their sorrow at her death, and extend their condolences to her family and friends; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Ms. Wynn's daughter, Hillary Wynn.

16 (END)