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2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 70

July 3, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives Brostoff, Sinicki, Anderson, Zamarripa, Crowley, Spreitzer, Goyke, L. Myers, Neubauer, Vruwink, Hesselbein, Bowen, Sargent, Ohnstad, Subeck, Cabrera, Skowronski and C. Taylor, cosponsored by Senators Larson, L. Taylor, Wirch and Bewley. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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2	Laureate.
3	Whereas, on January 14, 2019 the Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission
4	announced that Margaret "Peggy" Rozga will serve as Wisconsin's poet laureate for
5	2019 and 2020; and
6	Whereas, Rozga is a well-known writer from Milwaukee, whose poetry
7	$collections\ include\ Though\ I\ Haven't\ Been\ to\ Baghdad\ and\ Pestiferous\ Questions: A$
8	Life in Poems; and
9	Whereas, in 2009, Rozga received a bronze medal for her first book, 200 Nights
10	and One Day, in the Independent Publishers Book Awards; and
11	Whereas, in 2010 and 2013, the Wisconsin Library Association honored her
12	with the Outstanding Achievement in Poetry literary award; and
13	Whereas, she is an emeritus professor of English at the University of
14	Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Waukesha, where she teaches a continuing education
15	poetry workshop; and

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1	Whereas, Rozga also serves on the program committee for the Southeast
2	Wisconsin Festival of Books and as a judge for poetry and writing contests
3	throughout the country; and
4	Whereas, Rozga's remarkable poems draw on her experiences and interests as
5	an educator, avid reader, parent, and advocate for social and racial justice; and
6	Whereas, in her role as poet laureate, Rozga will serve as state ambassador of
7	poetry by giving poetry readings throughout the state; and
8	Whereas, Rozga has announced that her three initiatives as poet laureate
9	include: encouraging people to claim a favorite poem, encouraging book clubs to focus
10	at least one meeting a year on poetry, and building a Wisconsin poetry presence on
11	social media; now, therefore, be it
12	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
13	Legislature offers its congratulations to Margaret Rozga for her appointment as
14	Wisconsin Poet Laureate.

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