



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 12

March 5, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, ALLEN, BRANDTJEN, EDMING, GUNDRUM, KERKMAN, KNODL, KUGLITSCH, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, ROZAR, SCHRAA, STEFFEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER, VOS, MURPHY and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE, BERNIER, BRADLEY and NASS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and commemorating the career and accomplishments
2 of Rush Limbaugh.

3 Whereas, Rush Limbaugh died on February 17, 2021, at his home in Palm
4 Beach, Florida; and

5 Whereas, Limbaugh was considered one of the most influential broadcasters in
6 American history; and

7 Whereas, Limbaugh was a talk radio pioneer beloved by millions of loyal
8 listeners for his ardent defense of conservative politics; and

9 Whereas, Rush Hudson Limbaugh III was born on January 12, 1951, in Cape
10 Girardeau, Missouri, the older of two sons of Mildred and Rush Limbaugh Jr., a
11 lawyer and Republican activist; and

12 Whereas, Limbaugh made his own play-by-play baseball broadcasts as a boy,
13 took a summer course in radio engineering at age 16, obtained a broadcaster's
14 license, and started working as a disc jockey for a local radio station while still in high
15 school; and

1 Whereas, in 1979, Limbaugh became director of sales and special events for the
2 Kansas City Royals baseball team, a position he held for five years, although his
3 irreverence rankled some in the front office; and

4 Whereas, after returning to radio, Limbaugh in 1988 launched “The Rush
5 Limbaugh Show,” beginning its 32-year run as one of the nation’s highest-rated talk
6 radio programs; and

7 Whereas, Limbaugh’s unforgettable voice touched people from many
8 backgrounds, galvanizing support for conservative policies; and

9 Whereas, Limbaugh was honored to receive a letter from President Ronald
10 Reagan in 1992 that anointed him “the number one voice of conservatism” in the
11 United States; and

12 Whereas, Limbaugh demonstrated his generosity by raising millions for
13 charities such as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Marine Corps-Law
14 Enforcement Foundation; and

15 Whereas, Limbaugh received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s
16 highest civilian honor, during President Donald Trump’s state of the union address
17 on February 4, 2020, a day after Limbaugh announced he was suffering from
18 advanced lung cancer; and

19 Whereas, among other heartfelt tributes, former President Trump said that
20 Limbaugh’s “honor, courage, strength, and loyalty will never be replaced”; and

21 Whereas, Limbaugh was the loving husband of Kathryn, who survives him,
22 along with his younger brother David; now, therefore, be it

