



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-6167/1
JKS:cdc

2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 141

February 23, 2022 - Introduced by Representative VOS, cosponsored by Senator MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the professional career and public service of Legislative
2 Fiscal Bureau Director Bob Lang.

3 Whereas, Robert W. (“Bob”) Lang grew up in Menasha, Wisconsin, earned his
4 bachelor’s degree in history at Beloit College, and taught at Muskego Senior High
5 School before serving his country in Vietnam as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army;
6 and

7 Whereas, after earning his master’s in political science and education at
8 UW-Madison, Bob Lang was hired by Dale Cattanach, director of the Legislative
9 Fiscal Bureau, as an analyst in 1971; and

10 Whereas, Bob Lang looked to Cattanach, as well as Bonnie Reese of the
11 Legislative Council and H. Rupert Theobald of the Legislative Reference Bureau, as
12 models of the integrity and hard work that would ultimately define his own
13 leadership of the agency; and

14 Whereas, Bob Lang has stood at the helm of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau since
15 1977, leaving a clear imprint on both the agency and the legislature writ large; and

1 Whereas, over the course of more than four decades and the administrations of
2 nine governors, lawmakers have relied on Bob Lang for reliable, nonpartisan
3 information delivered in a direct, professional manner; and

4 Whereas, under Bob Lang's leadership, Legislative Fiscal Bureau analysts
5 have become an indispensable part of the biennial budget process; and

6 Whereas, Bob Lang has earned local, state, and national recognition for his
7 public service; and

8 Whereas, in 2007, the National Conference of State Legislatures awarded Bob
9 Lang the Steven D. Gold Award, which recognizes significant contributions to public
10 financial management in intergovernmental relations and state and local finance;
11 and

12 Whereas, in February 2022, Bob Lang was selected as the inaugural recipient
13 of the Tommy G. Thompson Distinguished Public Leadership Award in recognition
14 of his public service and sound leadership; and

15 Whereas, Bob Lang has also served the public beyond the legislature,
16 supporting the work of groups like Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dane County and
17 American Players Theatre; and

18 Whereas, Bob Lang's character and commitment to public service have earned
19 him the respect and admiration of the hundreds of legislators and staff who have had
20 the honor of working with him over the course of the past half century; now, therefore,
21 be it

22 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
23 Legislature honors the professional career and public service of Legislative Fiscal

1 Bureau Director Bob Lang and commends him for the indelible mark he has made
2 on this institution.

3 (END)