

# State of Wisconsin



## 2021 Senate Joint Resolution 11

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### ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Whereas, Rush Limbaugh died on February 17, 2021, at his home in Palm Beach, Florida; and  
Whereas, Limbaugh was considered one of the most influential broadcasters in American history; and

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

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

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

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

Whereas, after returning to radio, Limbaugh in 1988 launched "The Rush Limbaugh Show," beginning its 32-year run as one of the nation's highest-rated talk radio programs; and

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

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

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

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

Whereas, among other heartfelt tributes, former President Trump said that Limbaugh's "honor, courage, strength, and loyalty will never be replaced"; and

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

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That* the members of the Wisconsin Legislature join in honoring the life and accomplishments of Rush Limbaugh and extend their condolences to his friends and dedicated listeners.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Chris Kapenga  
President of the Senate

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Michael J. Queensland  
Senate Chief Clerk