

State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

April 8, 2019 – Introduced by Senators DARLING, JOHNSON, LARSON, L. TAYLOR and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives HAYWOOD, BOWEN, RODRIGUEZ, GOYKE, SINICKI, RIEMER, MYERS and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

| 1 | Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Gwen T. Jackson. |
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| 2 | Whereas, Gwen T. Jackson passed away on March 24, 2019; and |
| 3 | Whereas, Gwen lived a remarkable life, full of courage and dedication to her |
| 4 | community, and is an inspiration for the entire State of Wisconsin for generations to |
| 5 | come; and |
| 6 | Whereas, Gwen retired as a Vice-President of Human Services at Brills Colony |
| 7 | Men's Clothing Store in 1981; and |
| 8 | Whereas, Gwen, following her retirement, didn't slow down and dedicated her |
| 9 | life to serving others, serving at the United Way, the Urban League, the YMCA, the |
| 10 | Department of Aging, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the Girl Scouts of |
| 11 | America, and other community organizations; and |
| 12 | Whereas, Gwen also served the American Red Cross for more than 50 years, |
| 13 | including at one of the highest volunteer positions in the organization, the National |
| 14 | Chair of Volunteers for the American Red Cross. Gwen was the first and only |
| 15 | African-American to serve in that position; and |

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| 1 | Whereas, Gwen volunteered at times of need to support service members |
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| 2 | during the Persian Gulf War and for victims of Hurricane Hugo; and |
| 3 | Whereas, Gwen's service to her community inspired the renaming of the 21st |
| 4 | Street School in Milwaukee to the Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary |
| 5 | School; and |
| 6 | Whereas, Gwen's love and generosity for Milwaukee leaves a long and proud |
| 7 | legacy that will not be forgotten by those whose lives she has touched; now, therefore, |
| 8 | be it |
| 9 | Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the |
| 10 | Wisconsin Legislature salute the life and public service of Gwen T. Jackson. |
| 11 | (END) |