## 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.

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Gwen T. Jackson.
Whereas, Gwen T. Jackson passed away on March 24, 2019; and
Whereas, Gwen lived a remarkable life, full of courage and dedication to her community, and is an inspiration for the entire State of Wisconsin for generations to come; and

Whereas, Gwen retired as a Vice-President of Human Services at Brills Colony Men's Clothing Store in 1981; and

Whereas, Gwen, following her retirement, didn't slow down and dedicated her life to serving others, serving at the United Way, the Urban League, the YMCA, the Department of Aging, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, the Girl Scouts of America, and other community organizations; and

Whereas, Gwen also served the American Red Cross for more than 50 years, including at one of the highest volunteer positions in the organization, the National Chair of Volunteers for the American Red Cross. Gwen was the first and only African-American to serve in that position; and

Whereas, Gwen volunteered at times of need to support service members during the Persian Gulf War and for victims of Hurricane Hugo; and

Whereas, Gwen's service to her community inspired the renaming of the 21st Street School in Milwaukee to the Gwen T. Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School; and

Whereas, Gwen's love and generosity for Milwaukee leaves a long and proud legacy that will not be forgotten by those whose lives she has touched; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature salute the life and public service of Gwen T. Jackson.
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