

## State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

July 23, 2019 - Introduced by Senators Cowles, Carpenter, Johnson, Hansen, Jacque, Marklein, Miller, Olsen, Ringhand and Wirch, cosponsored by Representatives Haywood, Riemer, Steffen, Anderson, Bowen, Dittrich, Gruszynski, Hintz, Kitchens, Murphy, Ohnstad, Rodriguez, Shankland, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tusler, Vining, Zamarripa and Spiros. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

**Relating to:** celebrating Wisconsin's history of sports excellence through 1 2 recognizing the three most recent MVPs and proclaiming December 1 to December 7, 2019, as MVP Week in Wisconsin. 3 Whereas, Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks took home the 4 5 National Basketball Association's 2018-19 Most Valuable Player Award after 6 leading the Bucks to a historic season and deep run in the playoffs; and 7 Whereas, Giannis joins three other Wisconsin professional athletes from all 8 three of our state's major professional sports teams who have earned their league's 9 highest honor in this decade, including Christian Yelich and Ryan Braun of the 10 Milwaukee Brewers in the 2018 and 2011 seasons, respectively, and Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers in the 2014 and 2011 seasons; and 11 12 Whereas, these four athletes, through excellence in their sports, have become 13 household names not only in Wisconsin, but for sports fans throughout the nation; 14 and

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Whereas, Giannis, Yelich, Braun, and Rodgers are leaders in the newest generation of Wisconsin athletes performing at the top of their game, joining a history of athletes earning their league's highest honor as a member of a Wisconsin professional sports team, including MLB MVPs Hank Aaron, Rollie Fingers, and Robin Yount, NBA MVP Kareem Adbul–Jabbar, and NFL MVPs Don Hutson, Paul Hornung, Jim Taylor, Bart Starr, and Brett Favre; and

Whereas, the three most recent MVP athletes in Wisconsin, Rodgers, Yelich, and Giannis, all celebrate their birthdays in the first week of December on the 2nd, 5th, and 6th, respectively; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's tradition of sports excellence and place in sports history is illustrated through 22 MVP awards between the Milwaukee Bucks, Milwaukee Braves, Milwaukee Brewers, and Green Bay Packers, all given to athletes who lead their leagues in the box scores week after week, were leaders in their locker rooms, and found new ways to give back to their communities off the court or field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature celebrates Wisconsin's history of sports excellence through recognizing the three most recent MVPs on the occasion of their birthdays by proclaiming December 1 to December 7, 2019, as MVP Week in Wisconsin and calling for a celebration of Wisconsin professional sports teams.

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