



## 2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 74

July 17, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives MOSES, MURPHY, SUBECK, PHELPS, SINICKI, STROUD, BROWN, DESMIDT and ROE, cosponsored by Senators SMITH, RATCLIFF and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Senator Bruce S. Peloquin.

2             Whereas, Senator Bruce Peloquin, a dedicated public servant, business  
3     executive, and school psychologist, passed away in Eau Claire on October 2, 2024, at  
4     the age of 87; and

5             Whereas, Bruce Peloquin was born on November 3, 1936, in Chippewa Falls,  
6     the youngest of Anna and Frank Peloquin's 10 children; and

7             Whereas, Bruce Peloquin graduated from McDonell Central Catholic High  
8     School in Chippewa Falls in 1954 and went on to receive a bachelor's degree in  
9     business administration in 1966 and a master's in school psychology in 1973 from  
10    the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and

11            Whereas, Bruce Peloquin's first forays into public service were his two  
12    unsuccessful runs for the Chippewa Falls City Council, losing the second race by a  
13    mere seven votes, followed by his tenure on the Chippewa County Board from 1962  
14    to 1965; and

1           Whereas, Bruce Peloquin was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1964,  
2           serving from 1965 to 1971, and was only the second Democrat in the 20th century to  
3           hold the seat from Chippewa County; and

4           Whereas, Bruce Peloquin served on the Assembly Committees on Education,  
5           Tourism, Elections, Public Welfare, and Review of Administrative Rules, as well as  
6           the Committee to Visit State Institutions, the Joint Interim Committee, and the  
7           Council on Traffic Law Enforcement; and

8           Whereas, Bruce Peloquin was elected to the Wisconsin Senate and served  
9           from 1971 to 1979 with appointments to the Joint Committee on Finance; the  
10          Senate Committees on Education, Audit, Government and Veterans' Affairs, and  
11          Health, Education and Welfare; the Education Commission of the States; the  
12          Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission Legislative Advisory  
13          Committee; the Interim Study Committee on Campus Funding and Faculty Salary  
14          Equity in the University of Wisconsin System; the Environmental Education  
15          Council; the Special Committee on Education Program Review Project; and  
16          Legislative Council committees on education, the school aid formula, and  
17          compulsory attendance; and

18          Whereas, Bruce Peloquin's proudest legislative achievements included his role  
19          in strengthening child abuse laws, requiring public schools to provide special  
20          education, requiring public schools to employ reading specialists, aligning state  
21          statute with the state constitution's guarantee of free public education, and  
22          supporting the foster grandparent program; and

23          Whereas, in addition to being a legislator, Bruce Peloquin was a "jack of all  
24          trades," having worked on a cement crew; tended bar at Glen Loch Saloon; co-owned

1 the Bloomer golf course; been employed at Mason Shoe, Uniroyal Tires, and 3M; and  
2 served as a licensed school psychologist at public schools in Greenwood, New  
3 Auburn, Gilman, and Cameron; and

4 Whereas, Bruce Peloquin enjoyed golf, card games, back-road travels,  
5 auctions, antiques, flea markets, birdwatching, and nature; and

6 Where, Bruce Peloquin was an accomplished woodworker, spending years  
7 deconstructing 14 barns from around Wisconsin and a pickle factory in Chippewa  
8 Falls to salvage materials for the “recycled house” that he lived in with his wife, and  
9 constructing the timber cross that now stands at Round Hill, a sacred site in the  
10 community of Arkansaw; and

11 Whereas, Bruce Peloquin was a loving husband to Nancy and a devoted father  
12 to his children, Simone, Traci, and Dean; and

13 Whereas, Bruce Peloquin will be remembered for wit, wisdom, and generosity;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of  
16 the Wisconsin Legislature honor the life and public service of Senator Bruce S.  
17 Peloquin and extend their condolences to his family and friends.

18 (END)