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## **Honoring Electa Quinney's Place in Wisconsin History**

### *Joint Resolution One of Six Efforts by Cowles to Pass Senate during Floor Period*

MADISON— Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) released the following statement after the state Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 27 on a voice vote to declare November 1st of each year, the first day of National Native American Heritage Month, as Electa Quinney Day in Wisconsin:

“Electa Quinney’s important role as the first female teacher in Wisconsin and teaching at the first free school in Wisconsin all took place in Statesburg, now Kaukauna. Quinney’s namesake lives on in the Kaukauna Area School District but is too often overlooked throughout the state.

“Electa Quinney’s position in Native American history, our public education system legacy, and the advancement of women’s rights has long proceeded her passing. The creation of Electa Quinney Day will help to ensure students, educators, and citizens recognize the impact that Electa Quinney had on Wisconsin’s early history and how her legacy still shapes Wisconsin today.”

[2019 Senate Joint Resolution 27](#) was authored by Senator Cowles and Representative Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma) and was passed with the support of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. This resolution accompanies five other efforts lead by Senator Cowles that passed the state Senate today. Senator Cowles also joined 15 efforts on the Senate calendar as a co-sponsor, and voted in-favor of a series of other bills and resolutions and over 60 appointments during the October 8th floor session.

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