



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 108

February 20, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives RIPP, BIES, KRUG, MARKLEIN, MILROY, MURPHY, A. OTT, PETRYK, PRIDEMORE, WILLIAMS and WRIGHT, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, CARPENTER, COWLES, T. CULLEN, LASSA, MILLER and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and the military and public service of Gerald L. Trumm.

2 Whereas, Gerald L. “Jerry” Trumm was born May 7, 1947, in Boscobel,
3 Wisconsin, and died November 1, 2013; and

4 Whereas, Jerry earned his bachelor’s degree in biology in 1969 at the
5 University of Wisconsin–Platteville, while working at the Nelson Dewey State Park
6 in Cassville; and

7 Whereas, upon graduation, Jerry began his career with the Wisconsin
8 Department of Natural Resources by accepting a full-time fisheries position as a
9 conservation aide at the Wild Rose Fish Habitat Station in Wild Rose; and

10 Whereas, on December 5, 1969, Jerry was inducted into the United States Army
11 as a member of Echo Recon 1/5 First Air Cavalry in Vietnam and acquired the
12 nickname “Degree” from his fellow comrades because he was the only one in his unit
13 with a college degree; and

14 Whereas, during the invasion of Cambodia in June 1970, Jerry sustained
15 numerous injuries on the field of battle, which compelled him to convalesce in various

1 military hospitals around the world for nearly a year in order to obtain treatment for
2 his combat wounds and malaria; and

3 Whereas, before receiving a medical discharge on June 8, 1971, Jerry was
4 awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Army Commendation Medals for his
5 brave and noble service to our great country; and

6 Whereas, after his return from military service, Jerry resumed his work at the
7 Wild Rose Fish Habitat Station in August 1971; and

8 Whereas, Jerry transferred to the State Parks system in 1972 and began
9 serving, for nearly four decades of his life, as the manager of Cadiz Springs State
10 Park in Browntown, the assistant manager at Interstate State Park in St. Croix
11 Falls, the assistant superintendent at Kettle Moraine State Forest Park in Eagle,
12 and as the superintendent and special conservation warden of Mirror Lake and
13 Rocky Arbor State Parks near the Wisconsin Dells; and

14 Whereas, while at Mirror Lake and Rocky Arbor State Parks in 1987, Jerry
15 crafted the first candlelight ski event for the Wisconsin State Parks system, which
16 continues to be a popular winter attraction every year throughout the state, and
17 played a fundamental role in the restoration of the Seth Peterson Cottage, in several
18 major land acquisitions, including the Ishnala property, and in the completion of the
19 Mirror Lake–Dell Creek Master Plan; and

20 Whereas, for his determination and commitment to developing a strong
21 working relationship with the Seth Peterson Conservancy and the Ho–Chunk
22 Nation and for his quick response and leadership to the major storm that struck
23 Mirror Lake State Park, Jerry was presented with the Property of the Year Award
24 in 1998; and

1 Whereas, Jerry retired from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
2 on July 10, 2004, following 37 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Wisconsin;
3 and

4 Whereas, Jerry remained involved in the community by donating his time to
5 the Lake Delton Volunteer Fire Department and serving as an emergency medical
6 service technician from 1980 through 1991, retiring as the assistant chief, and along
7 with this, he was an active member of the Poynette Curling Club and the Dekorra
8 Lutheran Church; and

9 Whereas, Jerry was husband to Donna for 45 years, and during this period, they
10 raised three children, Ryan Trumm, Robin (Miloni) Trumm, and Laura (Jeffrey)
11 Eckert, while instilling in them the values of being civically engaged and giving back
12 to their communities in order to help their communities grow into stronger places to
13 live and raise future generations of families; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature commend the life and the military and public service of Gerald
16 L. "Jerry" Trumm, mourn his passing, extend their condolences to his family and
17 friends, and forever remember his sacrifices to the United States of America and the
18 state of Wisconsin.

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