



2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

June 4, 2021 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, BALLWEG, FEYEN, MARKLEIN, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives DUCHOW, KNODL, VOS, VORPAGEL, DALLMAN, DITTRICH, EDMING, GUNDRUM, KERKMAN, KITCHENS, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURPHY, NOVAK, PLUMER, STEFFEN, TITTL, TRANEL, STUBBS, ANDERSON, DRAKE, HEBL, SINICKI, SUBECK, VRUWINK, THIESFELDT and WITKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the career and accomplishments of Barry Alvarez.

2 Whereas, Barry Alvarez will retire on June 30, 2021, after a legendary career
3 in the University of Wisconsin-Madison athletic department lasting more than 30
4 years; and

5 Whereas, Barry Alvarez began his career at the UW-Madison as head football
6 coach in 1990, a position in which he served for 16 seasons; and

7 Whereas, under Barry Alvarez's leadership, the Badger football team quickly
8 transformed from a team that struggled to compete into a Big Ten powerhouse,
9 winning the first Rose Bowl Game in school history during Alvarez's third season as
10 head coach; and

11 Whereas, throughout his tenure as head coach, Barry Alvarez led the Badgers
12 to three Big Ten titles and three Rose Bowl victories, amassing a record of 119-74-4;
13 and

14 Whereas, Barry Alvarez is UW-Madison's all-time winningest coach and one
15 of just sixteen coaches in Big Ten history to win at least 100 games at one school; and

1 Whereas, in 2004, after 16 seasons as head football coach, Barry Alvarez
2 transitioned to Director of Athletics, guiding the UW-Madison athletic department
3 for the subsequent 18 years; and

4 Whereas, during Barry Alvarez's tenure as athletic director, UW-Madison has
5 enjoyed remarkable success, winning a combined 16 team national titles and 74
6 regular season or tournament conference championships; and

7 Whereas, Barry Alvarez has played a critical role in the unprecedented success
8 seen in recent years by UW-Madison's football, men's basketball, women's hockey,
9 women's volleyball, and men's cross country teams; and

10 Whereas, under his leadership, six coaches hired by Barry Alvarez have gone
11 on to receive Big Ten coach of the year honors, and in 2018, Alvarez earned Under
12 Armour Athletic Director of the Year honors; and

13 Whereas, as athletic director, Barry Alvarez has managed several notable
14 capital improvements to UW-Madison facilities, including upgrades to Camp
15 Randall Stadium, the UW Field House, the Zimmer Championship Cross Country
16 Course, and the construction of LaBahn Arena, home to the national
17 championship-winning women's hockey team; and

18 Whereas, in 2012, under the direction of Barry Alvarez, the UW-Madison
19 athletic department created Badgers Give Back, a program committed to improving
20 the communities of its fans and encouraging the growth of student athletes beyond
21 the field of play; and

22 Whereas, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Barry Alvarez has served as a
23 widely respected leader in the NCAA, chairing the Big Ten's Return to Competition
24 Task Force and playing a key role in helping the conference hold safe and successful
25 seasons in 2020; and

1 Whereas, Barry Alvarez has been inducted into five halls of fame, including the
2 State of Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame, the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame, the College
3 Football Hall of Fame, the UW Athletics Hall of Fame, and the Orange Bowl Hall of
4 Fame; and

5 Whereas, throughout his career, Barry Alvarez has had a positive impact on the
6 lives of countless student athletes and has established a standard of excellence for
7 the UW-Madison athletic program; now, therefore, be it

8 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
9 Wisconsin Legislature honor the legendary career of Barry Alvarez and celebrate his
10 retirement from the University of Wisconsin-Madison athletic department.

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