



2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

November 9, 2023 - Introduced by Senator JACQUE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the legacy of Old Abe, Wisconsin's Civil War eagle.

2 Whereas, Old Abe became an iconic symbol of the Civil War as he fought
3 alongside the soldiers of the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment; and

4 Whereas, in the hopes of making him a cherished mascot for the regiment,
5 Lieutenant James McGuire purchased Old Abe for \$2.50 from Captain John E.
6 Perkins; and

7 Whereas, during his three-year enlistment, Old Abe fearlessly participated in
8 over 30 battles throughout the war, including the Battle of Vicksburg, the Siege of
9 Vicksburg, and the Battle of Jackson; and

10 Whereas, Old Abe served as a trusted guardian for his fellow soldiers, using his
11 keen sense of danger to more than once alert the regiment of potential Confederate
12 ambushes; and

13 Whereas, Old Abe's fierce reputation earned him the nickname "Yankee
14 Buzzard" among Confederate soldiers, who despised him to such an extent that
15 bounties were placed on his life; and

