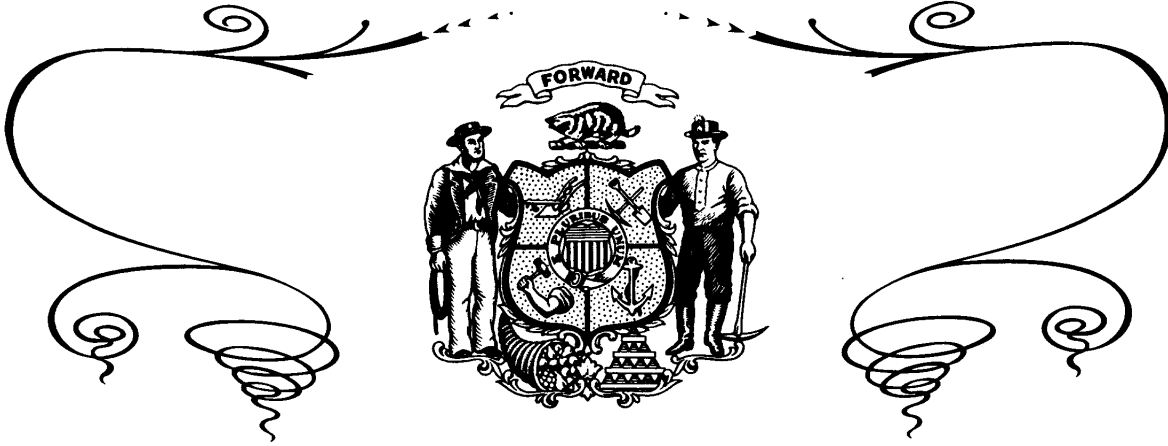


State of Wisconsin



2009 Senate Joint Resolution 55

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring 2010 as the Year of John Muir.

Whereas, John Muir was born April 21, 1838, in Scotland, and moved to Wisconsin at the age of 11, to a farm near Portage called Fountain Lake Farm; and

Whereas, at age 22, Muir enrolled at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and received his first botany lesson, which inspired a deeper and enthusiastic interest in nature; and

Whereas, in 1867, Muir walked 1,000 miles from Indiana to Florida by “the wildest, leafiest, and least trodden way” he could find, and continued his travels to California; and

Whereas, President Theodore Roosevelt visited California in 1903, spending time with Muir, and becoming convinced of the need to protect the Yosemite Valley through federal management; and

Whereas, Muir was among the most influential natural preservationists in the United States; and

Whereas, his writings about our natural heritage — some 300 articles and 12 books — have served to inspire conservationists, environmentalists, and lovers of nature for over a century; and

Whereas, his closest friend, advisor, and champion for many decades was a Wisconsin woman, Jeanne Carr, whom he met while at the university, and with whom he corresponded and remained close for decades, preserving his ties to the state he called home as a youth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature declare 2010 to be the Year of John Muir in Wisconsin, and commend this observance to all citizens.

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk