



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 110

February 16, 2012 - Introduced by Representative BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senator S. FITZGERALD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** congratulating Cooperative Extension on its centennial.

2 Whereas, Ernest Leonard (E. L.) Luther was appointed Wisconsin's first county
3 Cooperative Extension agent in Oneida County in February 1912; and

4 Whereas, Cooperative Extension began by providing agricultural education
5 and responding to local needs, and expanded its role to providing community
6 development; supporting families; promoting food safety and security, youth
7 leadership, and 4-H; and providing education in natural resources,
8 science-technology-math (STEM), and horticulture, including the master gardener
9 program; and

10 Whereas, Wisconsin residents benefit from more than 1.3 million educational
11 contacts each year through Cooperative Extension's programs, including more than
12 500,000 related to agriculture and businesses, 497,000 related to families, and
13 356,000 involving youth in all 72 counties in Wisconsin; and

14 Whereas, the partnership of University of Wisconsin campuses and counties
15 embodies the true meaning of the "Wisconsin Idea"—that the resources and

1 knowledge of the university shall be extended to the people of the state wherever they
2 live and work; and

3 Whereas, the 100th anniversary of E. L. Luther's appointment commemorates
4 the contributions of all Cooperative Extension educators to Wisconsin's growth and
5 development; and

6 Whereas, the vitality of today's Cooperative Extension and its national
7 reputation as a thriving, well-known, and sought-out educational resource can be
8 credited to the men and women of vision who accepted the challenge in 1912 to create
9 the Wisconsin county extension system; and

10 Whereas, this centennial will be commemorated at public events held
11 throughout the year and around the state; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
13 congratulates Cooperative Extension on the occasion of its centennial.

14 (END)