

State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 96

January 13, 2016 – Introduced by Representative Murphy, cosponsored by Senator Harsdorf. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: recognizing the nationally touring exhibition of Shakespeare's First
2	Folio.
3	Whereas, William Shakespeare is one of the most celebrated playwrights in
4	history; and
5	Whereas, the Folger Shakespeare Library has announced a 2016 national
6	touring exhibition of the original First Folio of Shakespeare, bringing it to all 50
7	states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico; and
8	Whereas, without the actions of John Heminges and Henry Condell to publish
9	Shakespeare's plays in the First Folio in 1623, the world may never have heard of
10	Macbeth, The Tempest, Julius Caesar, The Comedy of Errors, and many other plays
11	not published during Shakespeare's lifetime; and
12	Whereas, Shakespeare's impact on audiences, readers, the arts, and the
13	English language can be felt across the centuries; and

Whereas, Shakespeare is the creator of many phrases still in use today, such as 1 "wild-goose chase," "brave new world," "dead as a doornail," "faint-hearted," "love 2 3 is blind," "vanish into thin air," and "hot-blooded"; and 4 Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the American Players Theatre, the Wisconsin 5 6 Book Festival, and many other partners across Wisconsin, will help bring this 7 experience to the people of our state; and 8 Whereas, the First Folio will be displayed for public view at the University of 9 Wisconsin-Madison in the Chazen Museum of Art from November 3 to December 11, 10 2016; now, therefore, be it 11 Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature does hereby honor the contributions of Shakespeare to world languages, 12 13 literature, and the arts. 14 (END)