



## 2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

September 30, 2009 - Introduced by Senators JAUCH, MILLER, HOLPERIN, HANSEN, SCHULTZ, RISSER and DARLING, cosponsored by Representatives BARCA, POPE-ROBERTS, PASCH, BERCEAU, ROYS, HILGENBERG, CLARK, JORGENSEN, SINICKI, TURNER, VOS, POCAN, TOLES, ZEPNICK and BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** the second anniversary of WisconsinEye's commencement of broadcast  
2           operations.

3           Whereas, the WisconsinEye network was initiated through joint legislative  
4     study and leadership, incorporated as a private, nonprofit organization and now,  
5     under a seven-year contract with the Wisconsin legislature, serves as a  
6     public-private partnership dedicated to enhancing civic life and citizen access to the  
7     critical workings of state government; and

8           Whereas, the WisconsinEye network offers gavel-to-gavel coverage of all  
9     senate and assembly floor sessions, many legislative committee meetings, all  
10    supreme court oral arguments and executive branch events through 70 digital  
11    camera locations inside the state capitol as well as high-quality public affairs and  
12    educational programming from events statewide; and

13          Whereas, the WisconsinEye network during its start-up period provided this  
14    award-winning digital content in the form of 40 hours of new, first-run  
15    programming weekly streamed live via the Web and broadcast through Charter

1 Cable Channel 995, Time Warner Cable Channel 163, and Wisconsin’s BadgerNet  
2 Converged Network; and

3 Whereas, the WisconsinEye network is the only state network that receives no  
4 direct or indirect state funding and earns its support from a bipartisan donor  
5 community including private foundations, commercial distributors, corporations,  
6 groups, associations, and individuals to ensure its editorial independence; and

7 Whereas, the WisconsinEye network has entered its third full year of broadcast  
8 operations and is celebrating groundbreaking coverage of the 2009–2011 state  
9 budget process that marks the first time a complete and verbatim record of the  
10 proceedings has ever been available to the public; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
12 Wisconsin legislature commend WisconsinEye, its esteemed board of directors, and  
13 its dedicated staff for their devoted efforts to promote and sustain greater citizen  
14 engagement in public life; and

15 ***Be it further resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this  
16 joint resolution to WisconsinEye President and Chief Executive Chris Long and  
17 WisconsinEye Board Members Margaret Farrow, Tim Cullen, Diane Hendricks,  
18 John Laabs, Michael Ley, Jim Riordan, David Sanks, and Dick Vander Woude.

19 (END)