



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 1

January 10, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives SWEARINGEN and KAUFERT, cosponsored by Senators TIFFANY and MOULTON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the Eagle River World Championship Snowmobile Derby
2 on its 50th anniversary.

3 Whereas, the Eagle River World Championship Snowmobile Derby began in
4 1964 as the brainchild of John Alward, Walt Goldsworthy, and Sparky Meyer in an
5 effort to promote winter tourism in Eagle River; and

6 Whereas, the Derby first attracted around 5,000 spectators but now averages
7 between 20,000 and 30,000; and

8 Whereas, the popularity of the local event continually grew and in 1974 it
9 catapulted Eagle River into the winter sports spotlight as the Derby welcomed the
10 first professional snowmobile riders' circuit, Sno Pro; and

11 Whereas, the 1975 Derby attracted a then record 40,000 spectators; and

12 Whereas, on October 3, 1985, the Decker family purchased the Derby site in an
13 effort to improve the track and increase its usage; and

