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2003 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 11

April 18, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives LASSA, HAHN, BOYLE, JESKEWITZ, PLOUFF and HUBER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of the naturalist James Hall
2 Zimmerman upon his induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.
3 Whereas, James Hall Zimmerman was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1924; and
4 Whereas, James Zimmerman began his interest in the environment in 6th
5 grade, when he had the opportunity to take part in the field classes of famous
6 University of Wisconsin botany professor Norman Fassett, and received his Ph.D. in
7 Botany from the same university in 1958; and
8 Whereas, James Zimmerman was known as a botanical genius, a master of
9 inspiring his students to be better stewards of their land, demonstrating his
10 expertise as a naturalist at the University of Wisconsin–Madison Arboretum for 26
11 years and as a University of Wisconsin Landscape Architecture professor for 15
12 years; and
13 Whereas, James Zimmerman shared his love and knowledge of the
14 environment through his weekly newspaper column on environmental topics in the

1 Wisconsin State Journal and as a field trip leader for the Audubon Society, the
2 Madison Vocational School, and thousands of Madison area teachers; and

3 Whereas, James Zimmerman was the author of many highly regarded books
4 such as “Flora of Devil’s Lake”, “Wildflower Families and How to Know Them”,
5 “Proceedings of the Second Midwest Prairie Conference”, “Wildflowers and Weeds,
6 A Field Guide in Full Color”, and “Wetlands of Dane County” and was a contributing
7 author to many other esteemed publications; and

8 Whereas, James Zimmerman was dedicated to preserving sensitive areas in
9 Dane County, Door County, and elsewhere in the Midwest and was a thoughtful and
10 persistent advocate for wetlands and other natural areas in many parts of Wisconsin;
11 and

12 Whereas, James Zimmerman was a founding member of the Wisconsin
13 Wetlands Association and one of the finest wetland conservationists and naturalists
14 in the State of Wisconsin; and

15 Whereas, James Hall Zimmerman died in September 1992 while tending to
16 prairie grass plots that he and his wife, Elizabeth, maintained at Red Cedar Lake
17 Environmental Station; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
19 commend the devotion and enthusiasm that James Zimmerman demonstrated to his
20 friends, students, and colleagues and his commitment to the environment and the
21 impact that he made preserving the lands that he loved and honor him with
22 induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame; and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
24 to his wife, Elizabeth, of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

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(END)