



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 98

January 4, 2010 - Introduced by Representatives CLARK, SCHNEIDER, BROOKS, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BLACK, HILGENBERG, HINTZ, HIXSON, JORGENSEN, MASON, PASCH, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, RIPP, ROYS, TOWNSEND and ZIGMUNT, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, COGGS, ERPENBACH, KEDZIE, LASSA, LEHMAN, MILLER, SCHULTZ, TAYLOR and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** declaring 2010 as the Year of John Muir.

2 Whereas, John Muir was born April 21, 1838, in Scotland, and moved to
3 Wisconsin at the age of 11, to a farm near Portage called Fountain Lake Farm; and

4 Whereas, at age 22, Muir enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and
5 received his first botany lesson, which inspired a deeper and enthusiastic interest in
6 nature; and

7 Whereas, in 1867, Muir walked 1,000 miles from Indiana to Florida by “the
8 wildest, leafiest, and least trodden way” he could find, and continued his travels to
9 California; and

10 Whereas, President Theodore Roosevelt visited California in 1903, spending
11 time with Muir, and becoming convinced of the need to protect the Yosemite Valley
12 through federal management; and

13 Whereas, Muir was among the most influential natural preservationists in the
14 United States; and

