



2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87

January 27, 2016 – Introduced by Senator GUDEX, cosponsored by Representative THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** recognizing the dedicated volunteers of the Fond du Lac area Water
2 Action Volunteer program for their critical work on Fond du Lac area
3 waterways, rivers, streams, and creeks.

4 Whereas, the Water Action Volunteer (WAV) program is celebrating 20 years of
5 water monitoring and protection on behalf of the State of Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, over 42,000
7 volunteers nationwide have worked together to conduct fish and wildlife population
8 surveys, lead tours of and provide information to school groups and other visitors,
9 assist with laboratory research, improve habitats in such ways as reestablishing
10 native plants along a riverbank, help with special projects such as banding ducks,
11 perform clerical and administrative duties, photograph natural and cultural
12 resources, and fight invasive species; and

13 Whereas, WAV is a statewide program that works in conjunction with the
14 Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin–Cooperative
15 Extension to bring together volunteers from civic groups, 4–H clubs, students, and

1 various individuals in an effort to learn more about Wisconsin's waterways, rivers,
2 streams, and creeks; and

3 Whereas, since 2006, WAV volunteers have been monitoring the Fond du Lac
4 waterways, rivers, streams, and creeks to determine phosphorus levels and impaired
5 waterways; and

6 Whereas, Fond du Lac area WAV volunteers, coordinated by Laura DeGolier,
7 currently devote approximately 600 hours per year to collecting samples, running
8 tests, and providing reports to the Department of Natural Resources, saving the
9 state countless hours and taxpayer dollars; and

10 Whereas, eight different rivers have been monitored in the past two years,
11 including the east and west branches of the Fond du Lac River, the south and west
12 branches of the Rock River, Parsons Creek, Mosher Creek, Anderson Creek, and
13 Willow Creek, as well as two unnamed creeks that flow in the south and west
14 branches of the Rock River; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
16 legislature recognizes and commends the Fond du Lac area Water Action Volunteers
17 for ten years of outstanding work and dedication to the local community and the
18 state; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the legislature wishes WAV continued success in monitoring
20 and improving our waterways, rivers, streams, and creeks in the future; and, be it
21 further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall present a copy of this resolution to
23 the Fond du Lac area Water Action Volunteers.

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