

1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 26

March 7, 2000 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, BOYLE, WILLIAMS, BOCK, BLACK, SINICKI, LA FAVE, YOUNG, TURNER, BERCEAU, RICHARDS, MORRIS-TATUM, MEYER, TRAVIS, RILEY, RYBA, CULLEN and HASENOHRL. Referred to calendar.

1 **Relating to:** requesting that the state of South Carolina immediately stop flying the
2 confederate flag in an official capacity.

3 Whereas, many Wisconsinites died in Civil War battles fighting to stop slavery
4 and the secession of South Carolina and the other southern states; and

5 Whereas, 91,379 Wisconsin men and women served in the Civil War between
6 1861 and 1865; and

7 Whereas, 50% of the Wisconsin adult male population served in the Civil War;
8 and

9 Whereas, Wisconsin sent 71 regiments to the Civil War, including 52 infantry,
10 4 cavalry, 13 light artillery and 2 heavy artillery units; and

11 Whereas, more than 12,000 Wisconsin soldiers died in the Civil War, more than
12 those who died in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam combined; and

13 Whereas, the confederate flag has flown over the South Carolina statehouse
14 since 1962; and

Whereas, the confederate flag was raised over the statehouse in 1962 to commemorate the Civil War's centennial; and

Whereas, at the urging of its South Carolina chapter, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People voted in July to boycott the state for flying the confederate battle flag atop its capitol dome, something no other state does; and

Whereas, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference canceled a 2,500-member convention 4 days before it was to start in Charleston; and the African Methodist Episcopal Churches, the National Council of Negro Women and the National Urban League are also endorsing the boycott; and

Whereas, in Columbia, South Carolina, the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees has approved a resolution calling for the removal of the confederate flag from the statehouse dome; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly request that the state of South Carolina immediately stop flying the confederate flag in an official capacity but rather place it in a museum; and, be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly urge support of the boycott of South Carolina, and direct all members of the Wisconsin assembly to boycott meetings in South Carolina, until the state of South Carolina stops flying the confederate flag in an official capacity; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to Governor James H. Hodges of the state of South Carolina, to the president pro tem and secretary of the senate of South Carolina and to the speaker and clerk of the house of representatives of South Carolina attesting the adoption of this resolution by the 1999 assembly of the state of Wisconsin.

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