

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31

1 **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Ron Dayne on his Heisman Trophy
2 win and outstanding 1999 season.

3 Whereas, the Heisman Trophy is the top individual honor in college football,
4 recognizing the accomplishments of one outstanding player each year; and

5 Whereas, Heisman Trophy winners are now an elite group of 65, who have risen
6 to the top of their game, many going on to successful careers in the National Football
7 League; and

8 Whereas, in 1999, Ron Dayne of the University of Wisconsin–Madison returned
9 this prestigious award to Wisconsin, where 1954 Heisman Trophy Winner Alan “The
10 Horse” Ameche played with distinction; and

11 Whereas, during the 1999 season, Ron Dayne broke the all–time rushing record
12 with a 216–yard performance against Iowa, bringing him to a total of 6,397 yards
13 rushing and almost 1,200 carries in his career as a Badger; and

14 Whereas, in addition to the Heisman Trophy, in 1999 Ron Dayne was awarded
15 the Maxwell Award, for college football’s top all–around player; the Doak Walker

1 Award, given to college football's top running back; the Chicago Tribune Silver
2 Football Award, given to the most valuable player in the Big Ten; the Walter Camp
3 Player of the Year; and the Associated Press Player of the Year; and was designated
4 UW co-MVP for 1999; First team All-Big Ten; Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year;
5 and First team All-American; and

6 Whereas, in the midst of the outstanding year that Ron Dayne had achieving
7 these individual awards, the most important thing was winning as a team, and
8 leading the University of Wisconsin-Madison to a #1 ranking in the Big Ten and a
9 2nd consecutive Rose Bowl bid; and

10 Whereas, Ron Dayne has remained humble throughout this monumental
11 season, often focusing on the people most important to him, those that made him the
12 person and the player he is today — his daughter, Jada Dayne; his uncle and mentor,
13 Rob Reid; his coach, Barry Alvarez; and the entire University of Wisconsin-Madison
14 Football Team; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
16 legislature commends and congratulates Ron Dayne on his Heisman Trophy win and
17 outstanding 1999 season and thanks him for making 1999 a memorable year for all
18 Badger fans. On, Wisconsin!; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
20 resolution to Ron Dayne.

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(END)