

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 65

October 11, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives SERATTI, MUSSER, URBAN, SYKORA, ALBERS, NASS, SKINDRUD and LA FAVE, cosponsored by Senator BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1 **Relating to:** urging Congress to provide a permanent annual payment in lieu of
2 taxes to the town and county of Menominee.

3 Whereas, Menominee County was formed in 1961 solely because of, and
4 coincidental to, the termination of the tribal status of the Menominee Indian Tribe
5 of Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, on December 22, 1973, the federal government reversed its policy on
7 the termination and reinstated the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin as a
8 recognized tribe; and

9 Whereas, as a result, 99% of the land in Menominee County is exempt from local
10 government property taxes, and 97% of the residents are exempt from county sales
11 tax; and

12 Whereas, the boundaries of Menominee County, Town of Menominee and the
13 Menominee Indian reservation are contiguous; and

14 Whereas, the needs of Menominee County and the Town of Menominee are
15 great and growing; and

1 Whereas, there is an insufficient tax base of 1% to support the services
2 mandated by state and federal law as well as those required of local government for
3 the benefit of all county residents; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** members of the
5 Wisconsin Legislature urge Congress and the president of the United States to enact
6 legislation to provide 2 permanent annual payments, in lieu of taxes, based on the
7 land held in trust for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, to Menominee
8 County, state of Wisconsin, and the town of Menominee, Menominee County, state
9 of Wisconsin; and be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
11 resolution to the president of the United States, to the president and secretary of the
12 U.S. senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each
13 member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this
14 joint resolution by the 2001 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.

15 **(END)**