

2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 100

1 **Relating to:** the Wisconsin School for the Deaf Sesquicentennial.

2 Whereas, in 1852, Ebenezer Chesebro and John A. Mills of Delavan, Wisconsin,
3 submitted a petition to the Wisconsin legislature requesting the establishment of a
4 school for the deaf; and

5 Whereas, Franklin K. Phoenix, also of Delavan, offered to donate to the state
6 all of the land necessary for the school; and

7 Whereas, Governor Leonard J. Farwell signed the law appropriating funds for
8 a school building, staff, and general operating expenses on April 19, 1852; and

9 Whereas, the Wisconsin School for the Deaf has been in continuous operation
10 since its founding, and has operated since 1939 as a bureau of the Wisconsin
11 department of public instruction; and

12 Whereas, the Wisconsin School for the Deaf serves as a resource on deaf
13 education for all Wisconsin school districts; and

