

## 2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 102

March 7, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives MONTGOMERY, FREESE, RHOADES, KRUSICK, BOYLE, VRAKAS, WARD, LOEFFELHOLZ, KREUSER, TURNER, JESKEWITZ, OWENS, GUNDERSON, RYBA, GRONEMUS, URBAN, OTT, BOCK, BLACK, STASKUNAS, HUEBSCH, BERCEAU, POCAN, MUSSER, ALBERS, LIPPERT, OLSEN, LADWIG, D. MEYER, HAHN, KRAWCZYK and MILLER, cosponsored by Senators CHVALA, HANSEN, LAZICH, KANAVAS, GROBSCHMIDT, ROESSLER, S. FITZGERALD, WIRCH, ERPENBACH, SCHULTZ, PLACHE, MOEN and BURKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1       **Relating to:** congratulating and commending the University of Wisconsin Men’s  
2           Basketball Team on its 2001–2002 Big Ten Conference Championship.  
3           Whereas, this season was supposed to be the “down” year with a new head  
4 coach, inexperienced players, and a tough schedule; and  
5           Whereas, to the contrary, it has been an astonishing season, considering that  
6 the players had to adjust to a new system under Head Coach Bo Ryan, were  
7 handicapped by the loss of 3 players even before their first game, and relied on a  
8 7–man rotation consisting of 2 seniors, one junior, 2 sophomores, and 2 freshmen;  
9 and  
10          Whereas, with an 11 to 5 conference record, the team won its first Big Ten  
11 Conference Championship since 1947, a 55–year wait; and  
12          Whereas, with 18 wins overall, Coach Ryan is the winningest first-year coach  
13 in University of Wisconsin men’s basketball history; and

1           Whereas, the 2001–2002 men’s basketball team is the first University of  
2 Wisconsin team since the 1941 men’s basketball National Championship squad to  
3 defeat all conference opponents during one season; and

4           Whereas, the basketball team is the first Big Ten team since 1987-88 to win at  
5 Indiana, Michigan State, and Minnesota in the same season; and

6           Whereas, in winning games at Michigan State and Indiana, they ended  
7 Michigan State’s 53-game home winning streak and Indiana’s 22-game winning  
8 streak over University of Wisconsin teams at Assembly Hall that spanned over 25  
9 years; and

10           Whereas, the 2001-2002 team is the number one seed in the Big Ten Men’s  
11 Basketball Conference Tournament commencing on March 7 in Indianapolis, a  
12 ranking no other University of Wisconsin Men’s Basketball Team has accomplished;  
13 and

14           Whereas, the University of Wisconsin Men’s Basketball Team has proven that  
15 hard work and determination by student athletes is the road map to success; and

16           Whereas, it is now time to savor Badger magic and to say or shout “Go Badgers”  
17 with pride; now, therefore, be it

18           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
19 legislature of the state of Wisconsin commend and congratulate the 2001-2002  
20 University of Wisconsin Men’s Basketball Team for its hard work and dedication in  
21 advancing men’s basketball to one of its highest levels, and share the pride of the  
22 citizens of the state of Wisconsin in their team achievement; and be, it further

