

2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

April 25, 2001 – Introduced by Senator GEORGE, cosponsored by Representative BLACK. Referred to Committee on Environmental Resources.

1 **Relating to:** stating opposition to actions by President George W. Bush against the
2 environment.

3 Whereas, Wisconsin has long been a recognized national leader in the fight to
4 conserve our national resources, to protect our environment, and to preserve
5 wilderness areas; and

6 Whereas, Wisconsin is the birthplace and home state of former U.S. Senator
7 Gaylord Nelson, a renowned environmentalist, and the founder of Earth Day; and

8 Whereas, as Wisconsin celebrates Earth Day, a number of federal decisions and
9 actions that will have negative effects on our environment are being taken; and

10 Whereas, upon taking office, President George W. Bush called for new oil
11 drilling in sensitive public lands such as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which
12 could result in increasing environmental pollution without solving our energy needs;
13 and

1 Whereas, President George W. Bush reversed his position to curb greenhouse
2 gas pollution from dirty Midwest power plants and other sources after promising in
3 his campaign to do so; and

4 Whereas, President George W. Bush withdrew new drinking water standards
5 that would have protected 12,700,000 Americans from deadly arsenic pollution,
6 thereby exposing them to additional risks for cancer and other diseases; and

7 Whereas, President George W. Bush declared the Kyoto negotiations to reduce
8 global warming to be dead; and

9 Whereas, President George W. Bush is slashing energy efficiency and
10 renewable energy research spending by one-third; and

11 Whereas, President George W. Bush's U.S. Department of the Interior
12 announced its intentions to reverse requirements that mining operations post a bond
13 equal to estimated clean-up costs; and

14 Whereas, President George W. Bush announced a decision to suspend rules on
15 roadless areas in our national forests; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin legislature oppose these actions by President George W. Bush and his
18 administration; and, be it further

19 ***Resolved, That***, if the members of the senate and assembly find that actions
20 by President George W. Bush and his administration will negatively affect
21 Wisconsin's environment and natural resources, they will introduce and pass
22 legislation to reverse the effects of those actions in Wisconsin; and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
24 resolution to each member of this state's congressional delegation.

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(END)