2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 24

March 18, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Plale, Foti, Cullen, Young, Colon and Gard, cosponsored by Senator Moore. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: commending Tom Crean for being named Conference USA Coach of the

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2	Year.
3	Whereas, Tom Crean has compiled an exemplary record in his 4 years as head
4	coach of the Marquette University men's basketball team; and
5	Whereas, Crean guided the Marquette team to its first-ever regular season
6	Conference USA title; and
7	Whereas, the men's basketball team finished an extremely successful season
8	with an overall record of 23-4, an extraordinary 15-1 home record, and victories in
9	15 of its last 16 games; and
10	Whereas, Marquette ended the regular season ranked 8th in the country, its
11	highest rating in over 20 years; and
12	Whereas, Crean's team averaged 78.5 points a game, its highest total in over
13	30 years, and led the conference in free-throw percentage at 76.5%; and

1	Whereas, Marquette has the 7th highest Ratings Percentage Index (RPI), a
2	measure of overall winning percentage and strength of schedule, in the nation, and
3	defeated 2 major conference champions during the regular season; and
4	Whereas, the Marquette men's basketball team earned the number one seed for
5	its conference tournament and is poised to make its 2nd consecutive appearance in
6	the NCAA tournament; and
7	Whereas, Coach Crean has an overall record of 79-39 (.669) in his 4 years with
8	Marquette, including a 48–11 mark in the last 2 years; and
9	Whereas, Tom Crean was named the Conference USA Ray Meyer Coach of the
10	Year for back-to-back seasons, only the 2nd coach to be so honored; now, therefore,
11	be it
12	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
13	Wisconsin legislature commend Mr. Tom Crean on his success as head coach of the
14	Marquette men's basketball team and as a leader both on and off the court; and, be
15	it further
16	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
17	resolution to Mr. Crean.
18	(END)