

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 22

1 **Relating to:** congratulating and commending the University of Wisconsin Men's
2 Basketball Team and Head Coach Bo Ryan on clinching the first outright
3 conference championship since 1947.

4 Whereas, the University of Wisconsin Men's Basketball Team, under the
5 direction of Head Coach Bo Ryan, claimed its first outright Big Ten conference
6 championship since 1947; and

7 Whereas, this conference championship gives the University of Wisconsin
8 back-to-back conference titles for the first time in nearly 80 years; and

9 Whereas, with the leadership, dedication, and ambition of a head coach in his
10 2nd year at the University of Wisconsin, the Badger men's basketball team finished
11 the regular season with a record of 22-6, tying school records for regular season wins
12 and for 12 conference victories; and

13 Whereas, the spectacular victory on their home court over the University of
14 Illinois, in front of a sold-out crowd, gave the Badgers a perfect home record in Big

1 Ten games for the 2nd consecutive season, allowing the team to continue its home
2 winning streak, which is the 2nd-longest streak in school history; and

3 Whereas, in his 19th year as a head coach, Bo Ryan has led the Badgers to
4 conference championships in both years that he has been with the team, establishing
5 himself as only the 3rd coach in Big Ten history to boast this accomplishment; and

6 Whereas, Bo Ryan, the Big Ten Coach of the Year for 2002 and 2003, has led the
7 University of Wisconsin Men’s Basketball Team to new heights with 41 wins in his
8 first 2 years, the most in school history for any coach in such a time frame; and

9 Whereas, the 2002–2003 team is the number one seed in the Big Ten Men’s
10 Basketball Conference Tournament commencing on March 13 in Chicago; and

11 Whereas, the loyal fans of Wisconsin are “proud to be a Badger,” to put on their
12 red and white attire once again, and to sway along to “Varsity” as the Badgers begin
13 “March Madness”; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
15 legislature of the state of Wisconsin commend and congratulate the 2002–2003
16 University of Wisconsin Men’s Basketball Team and Head Coach Bo Ryan for their
17 hard work and dedication in advancing men’s basketball to one of it’s highest levels,
18 and share the pride of the citizens of the state of Wisconsin in their team
19 achievement; and, be it further

20 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
21 resolution to Head Coach Bo Ryan, his staff, each member of the team, and Athletic
22 Director Pat Richter.

23 (END)