

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming March 30, 2004, as Sauk City Day in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, in 1673, the French explorers, Pere Jacques Marquette and Louis
3 Joliet, paddled by this location where the Wisconsin River turns west, on their way
4 to the Mississippi River; and

5 Whereas, in 1766, Jonathan Carver stopped at an Indian village housing a
6 population of 3,000 and described in his expedition diary the “Great Town of the
7 Saukies” as the finest Indian town he had ever seen; and

8 Whereas, in 1832, called out to defend the territory, Colonel Zachary Taylor,
9 Lieutenant Jefferson Davis, and Private Abraham Lincoln all journeyed through
10 this area; and

11 Whereas, on July 22, 1832, 60-year-old Black Hawk, with a force of 60
12 sharpshooters, delayed the 570-man military force of General James D. Henry and
13 Colonel Henry Dodge at the Wisconsin Heights Battle site while his people crossed
14 the Wisconsin River to safety; and

1 Whereas, in 1838, Berry Haney staked his claim on the western shore of the
2 Wisconsin River; and

3 Whereas, in 1839 in a mud dugout, Anna Haney gave birth to Charles, the first
4 white child born at Sauk City; and

5 Whereas, in 1840, Agoston Haraszthy, with cousin Charles Hallasz, journeyed
6 from Hungary to America and, on arrival, bought claims on the eastern and western
7 shores of the Wisconsin River; and

8 Whereas, in 1843, Haraszthy's father, Charles Haraszthy, purchased the
9 squatter's claim at the land office in Mineral Point, had it surveyed, and then filed
10 the first plat of the Village of Haraszthy, which would later be named the Village of
11 Sauk City; and

12 Whereas, in 1845, Reverend Adelbert Inama, a Norbertine missionary from the
13 Tyrol, established St. Norbert's Church in Roxbury and also mission churches, St.
14 Aloysius Church in Sauk City and St. Mary's Church in Lyndon Station; and

15 Whereas, in 1848, Wisconsin became a state and on March 30, 1854, Sauk City
16 incorporated, making Sauk City the first incorporated village in the state of
17 Wisconsin; and also at which time the Sauk City Fire Department formed, making
18 it the oldest organized volunteer fire department in the state with the oldest extant
19 firehouse in the state; and

20 Whereas, in 1949, Sauk City, with the village of Prairie du Sac, formed a joint
21 police department, the oldest joint law enforcement agency in the state; and

22 Whereas, among many in Sauk City who aspired to make a better world are the
23 following:

24 (1) Agoston Haraszthy built the first business in Sauk City, a brickyard, and
25 established the foundations of a winery that is today's Wollersheim Winery;

1 (2) Matthias Leinenkugel, a Prussian, and his family, arriving in 1845,
2 constructed both the first Sauk City brewery and the first Leinenkugel Brewery;

3 (3) Eduard Schroeter, an 1848er, served as speaker to the Freie Gemeinde, now
4 the last remaining freethinker congregation in the nation;

5 (4) Alfred Clas, a world renowned architect, designed the Sauk City
6 Freethinker Hall, Wisconsin Historical Society building, Milwaukee Public Library,
7 and several World's Fair buildings;

8 (5) Earl McFarlane and John Westmont assembled the first 25-horsepower
9 Wisconsin tractor and established the McFarlane Manufacturing Company;

10 (6) Margaret Stoeffels Turner began the first community hospital that today
11 is the Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital;

12 (7) Henry Grass built Grass-Premier fire trucks;

13 (8) Theodore Decot invented the Red Arrow fire siren, still used today;

14 (9) Emanuel Philip became governor of the state of Wisconsin;

15 (10) August Derleth wrote more than 150 books and described Sauk City, her
16 people, and the Sauk Prairie area in his prose and poetry; and

17 (11) Hugh Heiney was the first Village Administrator in the state; and

18 Whereas, the people of Sauk City honor all who have lived here, including
19 Native Americans and pioneers of this community; now, therefore, be it

20 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
21 Wisconsin legislature acknowledge that on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, Sauk City,
22 joined by communities within the Sauk Prairie School District, will celebrate the
23 Sesquicentennial Anniversary of official incorporation and will welcome all
24 Wisconsin people to help celebrate our “Year of Sesquicentennial” beginning in
25 January 2004; and, be it further

