

2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

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1 **Relating to:** commending Professor Bryant Browne and the University of
2 Wisconsin–Stevens Point on receipt of a patent for a device used to test gases
3 in groundwater and surface water.

4 Whereas, Bryant Browne, assistant professor of soils at the University of
5 Wisconsin–Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources, invented a device for testing
6 gases in groundwater and surface water that substantially simplifies the process for
7 testing and allows scientists to test for multiple gases at the same time; and

8 Whereas, Professor Browne’s invention has multiple beneficial uses, including:
9 monitoring water quality; measuring emissions of global warming gases that enter
10 streams; and, potentially, removing toxic gases from groundwater supplies; and

11 Whereas, Professor Browne’s patent may be licensed to a company for
12 production of testing devices, and as such is a great example of how research may be
13 commercialized into a product that generates income for the university; and

14 Whereas, Professor Browne’s patent is only the second patent that the
15 University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point has been awarded in the last six years; and

