2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

February 4, 2004 – Introduced by Senator LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives MOLEPSKE, SCHNEIDER and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Professor Browne’s patent is only the second patent that the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been awarded in the last six years; and
Whereas, Professor Browne is an associate professor at the UW–Stevens Point College of Natural Resources, where he teaches water chemistry and soil physics; and

Whereas, Bryant Browne was awarded the UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award in 1996; and

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point College of Natural Resources is a nationally recognized educational and research program; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend Professor Bryant Browne and the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point for Professor Browne’s contribution to scientific knowledge and betterment of the environment; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Professor Browne and to the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point.