2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 90

January 22, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Shilling, Hines, Mursau, Nelson, Nerison, Petrowski, Sheridan and Townsend, cosponsored by Senators Hansen, Kapanke, Olsen, Risser and Roessler. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: proclaiming an annual Wisconsin Water Skiing Appreciation Week.
2	Whereas, water skiing was invented by Ralph Samuelson in Minnesota in 1922;
3	and
4	Whereas, water sports have become increasingly popular in Wisconsin with
5	water ski enthusiasts taking advantage of Wisconsin's abundance of lakes and
6	natural waterways; and
7	Whereas, recreational, club, and competitive water skiing offers unique
8	opportunities for residents and tourists alike to enjoy the natural resources
9	throughout Wisconsin while participating in a healthy and exciting activity; and
10	Whereas, Thompson "Tommy" Bartlett, a Milwaukee native, helped to bring
11	the enthusiasm of water skiing thrill shows to the Wisconsin Dells and established
12	Tommy Bartlett's Thrill show as an annual tourist destination and showcase of water
13	skiing talent; and

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1	Whereas, the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Tournament is the world's
2	largest water ski show tournament and is held annually beginning on the third
3	Thursday of July; and
4	Whereas, this tournament features numerous team and individual
5	competitions and has contributed greatly to the increased involvement and success
6	of water skiing; and
7	Whereas, encouraging participation in water skiing and other water sports is
8	vital to ensuring the continued enjoyment of this sport and the protection and
9	appreciation of our natural resources; and
10	Whereas, despite the international growth and interest in water skiing,
11	Wisconsin remains one of the premier water skiing destinations in the world; now,
12	therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
14	encourages the participation and recognition of water skiing in Wisconsin; and, be
15	it further
16	Resolved, That the week preceding the third Thursday of July each year be
17	designated as Wisconsin Water Skiing Appreciation Week.
18	(END)