

State of Misconsin 2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

1	Relating to: commending the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badger football
2	team.
3	Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badger football team on
4	January 1, 2007, completed a successful season finishing with a record of $12-1$ for
5	the first time in school history; and
6	Whereas, the Badgers' victory over the University of Arkansas in the Capital
7	One Bowl marks the second year in a row that the University of Wisconsin has beaten
8	one of the best teams in the Southeastern Conference; and
9	Whereas, first-year head coach Bret Bielema achieved the best record for a
10	first-year head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was one of five
11	finalists for the Paul "Bear" Bryant College Football Coach of the Year Award; and
12	Whereas, Bielema, the second–youngest head coach in the nation, guided the
13	Badgers to their first 11–win regular season and is the first rookie head coach in Big
14	Ten history to guide his team to at least ten victories and is one of just three rookie
15	head coaches in NCAA Division IA history to pilot his squad to at least 12 wins; and

Whereas, the Badgers finished ranked No. 7 in the Associated Press Poll and
 No. 5 in the USA Today/Coaches Poll, earning their highest final ranking since being
 dubbed No. 4 in both of the final polls of 1999; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That members of the
Wisconsin legislature honor the University of Wisconsin–Madison Badger football
team head coach Bret Bielema, assistant coaches, athletic department staff, and the
student–athletes for a record–breaking 12–1 season including a well–deserved
Capital One Bowl game victory.

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