



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

