2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 75

January 4, 2008 – Introduced by Senators ROBSON, KEDZIE, S. FITZGERALD, LAZICH, HANSEN, TAYLOR, COWLES, ERPENBACH, MILLER, LASA, LEHMAN and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives HIXSON, JORGENSEN, GRIGSBY, KERKMAN, RICHARDS, VOS, HAHN, SHERIDAN, HEBL, A. OTT, FIELD, JESKEWITZ, KLEEFISCH, TURNER, NASS, HINTZ, ZIEGELBAUER, BIES and PETROWSKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: commending the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater football team.

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater football team became the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III champions by defeating Mount Union College 31–21 at Willis White Stadium in Salem, Virginia, on December 15, 2007; and

Whereas, the Warhawk victory ended Mount Union’s 37-game winning streak and deprived the Purple Raiders of their tenth national title in the last 15 years; and

Whereas, this was UW–Whitewater’s third consecutive appearance in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, proving that the third time is the charm; and

Whereas, UW–Whitewater was 14–1 on the season, with its only loss coming to an NCAA Division II school; and

Whereas, the 2007 Warhawks extended UW–Whitewater’s winning streak to 21–0, with 25 straight victories at Perkins Stadium in Whitewater, and three consecutive Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships; and
Whereas, as recipient of the Gagliardi Trophy, running back Justin Beaver was named the top Division III football player in the nation; and

Whereas, the Warhawks are led by first-year head coach and UW-Whitewater alumni Lance Leipold, who took over in January when Bob Berezowitz announced his retirement after 22 years; and

Whereas, the NCAA Division III football championship is UW-Whitewater’s seventh national title but their first in football; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby congratulate the team, coaching staff, and campus on this achievement and wish them luck for future championships to come.