

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 12

February 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER, ZIEGELBAUER, PRIDEMORE, KLEEFISCH, NYGREN, KERKMAN, ROTH, KAUFERT, HUBLER, HUEBSCH, VOS, MURSAU, VRUWINK, BIES, M. WILLIAMS, SUDER, HONADEL, VUKMIR, LOTHIAN, GUNDERSON, STRACHOTA and BALLWEG, cosponsored by Senators LAZICH, OLSEN, A. LASEE and PLALE. Referred to Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security.

1 **Relating to:** renaming the decorated tree on display in the capitol rotunda during
2 the Christmas holiday season as the Wisconsin State Christmas Tree.

3 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin respects all religious and cultural customs and
4 is desirous of properly naming the publicly displayed symbols of our state’s diverse
5 holiday traditions out of respect for all traditions; and

6 Whereas, the decorated tree that has been on display in the capitol rotunda
7 annually during the Christmas holiday season since 1916 was known as a
8 “Christmas tree” until 1985, when state officials began referring to that tree as a
9 “holiday tree”; and

10 Whereas, the Wisconsin legislature wishes to return to this tradition and join
11 numerous other states and public institutions and millions of American families in
12 celebrating the Christmas holiday season with a Christmas tree; now, therefore, be
13 it

