



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 28

1 **Relating to:** commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Lower Wisconsin State
2 Riverway.

3 Whereas, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway law was enacted on August 3,
4 1989, by Wisconsin Act 31, in order to protect and preserve the scenic quality and
5 natural character of the lower Wisconsin River valley and to provide a quality public
6 use recreation area for current and future Wisconsin residents; and

7 Whereas, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway encompasses nearly 80,000
8 acres of public and private lands along the final 92 miles of the Wisconsin River; and

9 Whereas, the unique and innovative aesthetic protection regulations became
10 effective on October 31, 1989, and were to be administered by a new state agency, the
11 Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board, with the board holding its inaugural
12 meeting in Muscoda, Wisconsin, on November 1, 1989; and

13 Whereas, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board has maintained the
14 fragile and delicate balance between the protection and preservation of the aesthetic

1 integrity of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway and the protection of the rights of
2 landowners and local residents; and

3 Whereas, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board has worked with the
4 Ho-Chunk Nation and other tribal governments, the Wisconsin State Historical
5 Society, the National Park Service, and area residents to protect the many cultural
6 and historical resources of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway; and

7 Whereas, the Wisconsin department of natural resources has worked in
8 partnership with the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board to acquire lands from
9 willing sellers and to manage public lands for the benefit of the citizens of Wisconsin,
10 as well as to create recreational opportunities for our citizens; and

11 Whereas, the success of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway project is due to
12 the cooperation from landowners, residents, and local governments from the lower
13 Wisconsin River valley; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature hereby recognize the 20th anniversary of the establishment of
16 the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway and commend the Lower Wisconsin State
17 Riverway Board and the citizens and communities of the lower Wisconsin River
18 valley for their diligent efforts to protect this outstanding natural, scenic, and
19 recreational resource for the people of Wisconsin.

20 (END)