



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 67

1 **Relating to:** commending MAG Giddings and Lewis on its sesquicentennial.

2 Whereas, the company now known as MAG Giddings & Lewis was founded in
3 1859 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as a small machine shop that produced parts and
4 provided repairs for Wisconsin's sawmills and gristmills; and

5 Whereas, over time, the business expanded its shop to include a gray iron
6 foundry, the first in Wisconsin, and became the Novelty Iron Works, with a continued
7 emphasis on sawmill machinery; and

8 Whereas, in the 1870s and 1880s, the Novelty Iron Works continued its
9 expansion into manufacturing industrial steam engines for clients across the United
10 States; and

11 Whereas, in the 1870s and 1880s, changes in ownership brought the Novelty
12 Iron Works under a partnership of Colonel C. H. DeGroat, George Giddings, and O.
13 F. Lewis, leading to a new name, DeGroat, Giddings & Lewis; and

