

State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 67

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, in 1895, DeGroat sold his interest in the partnership to Giddings and Lewis, and the company was incorporated as the Giddings & Lewis Manufacturing Company, commonly known as Giddings & Lewis; and

Whereas, as Wisconsin's lumber industry began to decline in the late 1890s and early 1900s, Giddings & Lewis began to concentrate on manufacturing machine tools, including lathes, gear cutting equipment, shapers, planers, drills, grinders, and even shell lathes for the British Ministry of Munitions during World War I; and

Whereas, Giddings & Lewis entered into a sweeping modernization program during the 1920s and 1930s, went public in 1934, and, during World War II, operated an emergency plant facility under the Department of War; and

Whereas, in 1955, Giddings & Lewis built and demonstrated the first numerical control machine tool, the result of a joint research venture with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that also produced other numerical control devices; and

Whereas, in 2005, MAG Industrial Automation Systems purchased Giddings & Lewis, and Giddings & Lewis is now MAG Giddings & Lewis; and

Whereas, MAG Giddings & Lewis is celebrating 150 years as an important industrial manufacturer and employer in the Fond du Lac area; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature congratulate MAG Giddings & Lewis on its sesquicentennial.

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk

2009

Joint Resolution Passed by Both Houses

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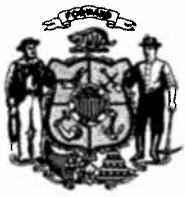
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- 08-12. A. Introduced by Representatives **Townsend** and **Spanbauer**; cosponsored by Senator **Hopper**.
- 08-12. A. Read and referred to committee on Rules 348
- 10-27. A. Placed on calendar 10-29-2009 by committee on Rules.
- 10-29. A. **Adopted** 472
- 10-29. A. Ordered immediately messaged 472
- 10-29. S. Received from Assembly 394
- 10-29. S. Read and referred to committee on Senate Organization 395
- 10-29. S. Available for scheduling.

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- 01-14. S. Placed on calendar 1-19-2010 by committee on Senate Organization 482
- 01-19. S. **Concurred in.**
- 01-19. S. Senator Cowles added as a cosponsor.
- 01-19. S. Ordered immediately messaged.
- 01-19. A. Received from Senate concurred in.

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August 12, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives TOWNSEND and SPANBAUER,
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