



## 2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 67

August 12, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives TOWNSEND and SPANBAUER, cosponsored by Senator HOPPER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

