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## **2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 67**

August 12, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Townsend and Spanbauer, cosponsored by Senator Hopper. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> 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.

F. Lewis, leading to a new name, DeGroat, Giddings & Lewis; and

1	Whereas, in 1895, DeGroat sold his interest in the partnership to Giddings and
2	Lewis, and the company was incorporated as the Giddings & Lewis Manufacturing
3	Company, commonly known as Giddings & Lewis; and
4	Whereas, as Wisconsin's lumber industry began to decline in the late 1890s and
5	early 1900s, Giddings & Lewis began to concentrate on manufacturing machine
6	tools, including lathes, gear cutting equipment, shapers, planers, drills, grinders,
7	and even shell lathes for the British Ministry of Munitions during World War I; and
8	Whereas, Giddings & Lewis entered into a sweeping modernization program
9	during the 1920s and 1930s, went public in 1934, and, during World War II, operated
10	an emergency plant facility under the Department of War; and
11	Whereas, in 1955, Giddings & Lewis built and demonstrated the first
12	numerical control machine tool, the result of a joint research venture with the
13	Massachusetts Institute of Technology that also produced other numerical control
14	devices; and
15	Whereas, in 2005, MAG Industrial Automation Systems purchased Giddings
16	& Lewis, and Giddings & Lewis is now MAG Giddings & Lewis; and
17	Whereas, MAG Giddings & Lewis is celebrating 150 years as an important
18	industrial manufacturer and employer in the Fond du Lac area; now, therefore, be
19	it
20	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
21	Wisconsin legislature congratulate MAG Giddings & Lewis on its sesquicentennial.
22	(END)