



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 122

April 7, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives NELSON, BALLWEG, ZEPNICK, ZIGMUNT, KAUFERT, HINTZ, DEXTER, PASCH, HEBL, TURNER, BERCEAU, BROOKS, BLACK and BERNARD SCHABER, cosponsored by Senator TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** declaring April as Forensic Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, the state of Wisconsin is fortunate to have three active interscholastic
3 speech associations: the Wisconsin Forensic Coaches Association (WFCA), the
4 Wisconsin High School Forensic Association (WHSFA), and the National Forensic
5 League (NFL); and

6 Whereas, the WFCA, WHSFA, and NFL aim to develop and provide learning
7 opportunities that foster enhanced communication skills and strong values, which
8 are critical for effective participation in our society; and

9 Whereas, the WFCA celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2010; and

10 Whereas, the WHSFA, the oldest organization of its kind in the United States,
11 celebrates its 105th anniversary in 2010; and

12 Whereas, the NFL, founded and headquartered in Ripon, serves as the
13 preeminent national organization for interscholastic speech at the secondary level
14 and celebrates its 85th anniversary in 2010; and

1 Whereas, all three organizations further the interests of Wisconsin
2 interscholastic speech by promoting the activity, serving as a resource to member
3 schools, and sponsoring tournaments during winter and spring; and

4 Whereas, thousands of Wisconsin students have participated in forensics,
5 gaining public speaking, critical analysis, and communication skills that prepare
6 them for success in future academic and career-oriented endeavors; and

7 Whereas, forensic students develop strong working relationships with their
8 teammates, fellow competitors, and coaches, and learn valuable lessons about
9 commitment, work ethic, professionalism, and humility, all of which serve students
10 well as they enter adulthood; and

11 Whereas, the WFCA season culminates with its state tournament on April 17,
12 2010, in which over 20,000 students have competed since its inception; and

13 Whereas, the WHSFA also hosts its state tournament on April 17, 2010, in
14 which nearly 6,000 students competed at the initial sub-district level in 2010; and

15 Whereas, the NFL has more than 1.3 million alumni in all 50 states, with more
16 than 112,000 current competitors and 7,000 advisors, and hosts its national
17 tournament qualifying competitions for the northern and southern Wisconsin
18 districts in April; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin state legislature hereby commend the WFCA, WHSFA, and NFL and all
21 forensic coaches in Wisconsin on their outstanding commitment to the education and
22 development of young people in our state; and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin state legislature hereby
24 recognize the extraordinary contributions made by the WFCA, WHSFA, and NFL by
25 declaring April as Forensic Month in Wisconsin; and, be it further

