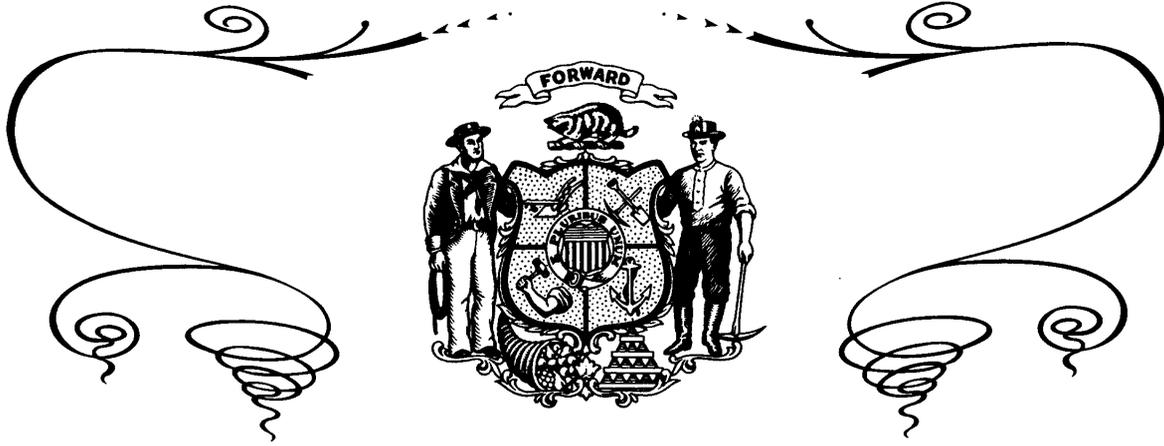


State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 122

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring April as Forensic Month in Wisconsin.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Forensic Coaches Association, the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association, and the National Forensic League.

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk