



2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7

1 **Relating to:** commending the Wisconsin Badger football team for an outstanding
2 season and 2011 Rose Bowl bid.

3 Whereas, the Wisconsin Badgers completed a dominant regular season,
4 winning the Big Ten Title, finishing 11 and 1, and earning a bid to the Rose Bowl on
5 January 1, 2011; and

6 Whereas, the annual Rose Bowl is the oldest of all college bowl games, and its
7 history and prestige have earned it the title “The Granddaddy of Them All”; and

8 Whereas, the Rose Bowl was first played in 1902 and since 1945 has been the
9 highest attended college football bowl game; and

10 Whereas, University of Wisconsin–Madison Chancellor Bidy Martin has
11 exhibited strong leadership for the University of Wisconsin and an unyielding
12 commitment to academic excellence for its student–athletes; and

13 Whereas, Athletic Director Barry Alvarez, a three–time Rose Bowl winning
14 coach, helped lead the Badgers back to Pasadena, California; and

1 Whereas, Head Coach Bret Bielema showed tremendous leadership, guiding
2 the Badgers to an outstanding 11 and 1 season and an outstanding overall 49 and
3 15 record under his tenure; and

4 Whereas, senior quarterback Scott Tolzien, the most accurate passer in college
5 football, won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award for his on-field performance, as
6 well as his character; and

7 Whereas, senior offensive lineman Gabe Carimi won the Outland Trophy, an
8 honor given to the best interior lineman in college football, in addition to being
9 selected to the Academic All-Big Ten Team as a civil engineering major; and

10 Whereas, senior defensive end J.J. Watt is an Academic All-Big Ten Team
11 selection, and winner of the Lott IMPACT Trophy, awarded nationally to a defensive
12 player for his athletic, academic, and community achievements; and

13 Whereas, the Wisconsin Badgers had six offensive linemen selected to the
14 All-Big Ten Team, when only five players start at the position; and

15 Whereas, for a second consecutive season, the Badger football team features 22
16 players that were selected to the Academic All-Big Ten team, surpassing the
17 previous record of 19 set in 2007; now, therefore, be it

18 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
19 legislature commends the student-athletes, coaches, and administrators of the
20 University of Wisconsin Badger football team for their remarkable season, Big Ten
21 Championship, and a thrilling Rose Bowl appearance.

22 **(END)**