2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106


Relating to: congratulating the National Park Service on its centennial and celebrating the recreation and conservation benefits to our state and nation.

Whereas, President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Park Service Organic Act into law on August 25, 1916; and

Whereas, for the past century the National Park Service has been entrusted with preserving natural and cultural resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of generations; and

Whereas, Wisconsin is home to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, and tributaries and portions of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and is a vital leg of the North Country Scenic Trail; and

Whereas, the National Park Service complements Wisconsin’s unique attractions, recreational activities, and cultural landscapes to help make this state a premier tourist destination, with the National Park Service seeing over 625,000 visits in Wisconsin that generate more than $58 million in spending and support over 900 jobs in the state; and
Whereas, Wisconsin is home to 42 National Historic Landmarks designated by the National Park Service and over 2,000 listed sites on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s unique geography and role in the nation’s natural, social, and political history have been effectively highlighted by the National Park Service; and

Whereas, the National Park Service makes wild lands and magnificent features in our state, especially in the North, known and accessible; and

Whereas, 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service Organic Act; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature congratulates the National Park Service on its centennial and celebrates the recreation and conservation benefits to our state and nation.

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