2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

April 17, 2015 – Introduced by Senator ROTH. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the conclusion of the American Civil War.

Whereas, on April 9, 1865, Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Ulysses S. Grant in Appomattox, Virginia; and

Whereas, the Civil War led to the greatest loss of American life in military conflict to date; and

Whereas, more than 91,000 soldiers from Wisconsin served in 56 regiments during the Civil War; and

Whereas, Wisconsin soldiers fought in every major battle of the Civil War from 1861 to 1865; and

Whereas, more than 12,000 Wisconsin residents died while fighting the Confederacy; and

Whereas, the victory was a model internationally for the strength and resolve of democratic government; and
Whereas, the Union victory had a profound impact on the history of the United States, and reaffirmed the central truth from the Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature commemorates the end of the Civil War, the sacrifices of brave men and women of Wisconsin, and the battle to end slavery both here and around the globe.

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