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1 **Relating to:** recognizing Finnish Independence Centennial Day.

2 Whereas, Finland is celebrating 100 years of independence on December 6,
3 2017, and this is an exciting time for that country as well as its friends across the
4 world; and

5 Whereas, the Republic of Finland won its complete independence from the
6 Russian Republic in 1917, and today Finland and her 5.5 million citizens enjoy a
7 highly industrialized, largely free-market economy based on manufacturing and
8 exports, with an output similar to that of other European Union countries; and

9 Whereas, Finns played an important role in the early development of Wisconsin
10 through immigration in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and
11 through their influence on the mining, farming, and logging industries and their
12 more lasting cultural contributions; and

13 Whereas, Finnish immigrants settled mainly in northern Wisconsin due to the
14 abundance of land and opportunities there, but had settlements from Redgranite to
15 Marinette to Oulu, and developed farms and centralized Finnish communities; and

