June 20, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives MASON, VOS, BARCA, ANDERSON, POPE, KESSLER, GENRICH, BOWEN, SUBECK, OHNSTAD, HINTZ, ZAMARRIPA, SINICKI, SPREITZER, ZEPNICK, RIEMER, MILROY, MEYERS, VRUWINK and PETRYK, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, CARPENTER, RISSER, VINEHOUT, MOULTON, L TAYLOR and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: commemorating Canada’s Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Confederation.

Whereas, Canada celebrates its sesquicentennial of confederation on July 1, 2017, and throughout the year; and

Whereas, the Founders of Confederation fulfilled their decades-long vision of a unified confederal nation consisting of the former British Americas; and

Whereas, Sir John A. MacDonald, the leading statesman of Canadian Confederation, steered the Canadian ship of state from its founding days, serving several terms as Prime Minister until passing in office in 1891; and

Whereas, the Canadian nation rapidly grew in the 1870s, powered by transcontinental rail from the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans; and

Whereas, Canada is the most steadfast ally of the United States, two nations standing shoulder to shoulder, thereby successfully defending democracy and freedom in both World War I and World War II, and to this day as a partner in the North American Treaty Organization; and
Whereas, Canada’s commitment to international economic development and human rights advocacy is a beacon to all nations; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s $7.3 billion annual trade relationship with Canada creates a $1.8 billion trade surplus to Wisconsin’s economy; and

Whereas, Wisconsin’s beverage, dairy, forestry, organic chemicals, motor vehicle parts, plastics, and other industries benefit invaluably from trade with Canada; and

Whereas, major businesses including SC Johnson, Bombardier, Harley-Davidson, Johnson Controls, and many others create family-supporting jobs for workers in both Canada and Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Canada and the United States jointly share stewardship of the Great Lakes, the world’s largest group of freshwater lakes, comprising 21 percent of the world’s fresh surface water; and

Whereas, the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Canada 150!, and the Alliance 150 have intensively planned celebrations of architectural, cultural, scientific, and sporting achievements of Canadians; and

Whereas, the Canada Council for the Arts and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council provided critical support for the sesquicentennial from Canada’s artistic and educational institutions; and

Whereas, the contributions of Canada’s First Nations are essential to the origin and future of Canada; and

Whereas, Charles, Prince of Wales, will tour Canada in July for this celebration on behalf of Her Majesty’s Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin State Legislature commemorate the sesquicentennial (150th
Anniversary) of Canada, acknowledging Canada’s extraordinary friendship with the
state of Wisconsin.

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