



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 66

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.

1 **Relating to:** commemorating Canada's Sesquicentennial Anniversary of
2 Confederation.

3 Whereas, Canada celebrates its sesquicentennial of confederation on July 1,
4 2017, and throughout the year; and

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

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

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

12 Whereas, Canada is the most steadfast ally of the United States, two nations
13 standing shoulder to shoulder, thereby successfully defending democracy and
14 freedom in both World War I and World War II, and to this day as a partner in the
15 North American Treaty Organization; and

1 Whereas, Canada's commitment to international economic development and
2 human rights advocacy is a beacon to all nations; and

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

5 Whereas, Wisconsin's beverage, dairy, forestry, organic chemicals, motor
6 vehicle parts, plastics, and other industries benefit invaluablely from trade with
7 Canada; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
25 Wisconsin State Legislature commemorate the sesquicentennial (150th

1 Anniversary) of Canada, acknowledging Canada's extraordinary friendship with the
2 state of Wisconsin.

3 (END)