2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 123

January 28, 2020 – Introduced by Representatives THIESFELDT, KITCHENS, KRUG, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, TRANEL, TUSLER, VORPAGEL and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators OLSEN, BEWLEY, LARSON and NASS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Automobile Association’s School Safety Patrol Program.

Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature is proud to salute the accomplishments of exemplary organizations as they celebrate significant anniversaries; and

Whereas, one such notable group, the American Automobile Association (AAA), celebrated its 100th anniversary of the AAA School Safety Patrol Program and, therefore, we wish to express our deepest appreciation for its exceptional work; and

Whereas, the AAA School Safety Patrol Program is a program that enlists the assistance of select students who volunteer to help younger students as they cross the street on their way to and from school and who help to protect their fellow classmates against traffic hazards; and

Whereas, the concept of school safety patrollers began in 1920 when Charles M. Hayes pledged support for protecting school-aged children after witnessing a terrible car crash; and
Whereas, the program is now 100 years strong and continues to have a positive impact on schools, students, and communities; and

Whereas, AAA School Safety Patrols play an important role in helping young pedestrians learn and fulfill responsibilities regarding traffic safety; and

Whereas, millions of boys and girls in the United States have honorably served their classmates since the program began; and

Whereas, today, the AAA School Safety Patrol Program is the largest school-based safety program in the world with more than 679,000 patrollers in 35,000 schools across North America and 30 countries, providing a safer environment for child pedestrians and offering a spectrum of educational opportunities for school children; and

Whereas, the School Safety Patrol Program embodies AAA’s mission of providing safety and security to the motoring public; and

Whereas, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize the AAA School Safety Patrol Program and those outstanding students who have dedicated themselves to improving safety in their respective schools and communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature does hereby recognize May 2020 as the 100th anniversary of the AAA School Safety Patrol Program in the State of Wisconsin, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

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