

2011 Assembly Joint Resolution 110

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: congratulating Cooperative Extension on its centennial.

Whereas, Ernest Leonard (E. L.) Luther was appointed Wisconsin's first county Cooperative Extension agent in Oneida County in February 1912; and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension began by providing agricultural education and responding to local needs, and expanded its role to providing community development; supporting families; promoting food safety and security, youth leadership, and 4–H; and providing education in natural resources, science–technology–math (STEM), and horticulture, including the master gardener program; and

Whereas, Wisconsin residents benefit from more than 1.3 million educational contacts each year through Cooperative Extension's programs, including more than 500,000 related to agriculture and businesses, 497,000 related to families, and 356,000 involving youth in all 72 counties in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, the partnership of University of Wisconsin campuses and counties embodies the true meaning of the "Wisconsin Idea"—that the resources and knowledge of the university shall be extended to the people of the state wherever they live and work; and

Whereas, the 100th anniversary of E. L. Luther's appointment commemorates the contributions of all Cooperative Extension educators to Wisconsin's growth and development; and

Whereas, the vitality of today's Cooperative Extension and its national reputation as a thriving, well-known, and sought-out educational resource can be

credited to the men and women of vision who accepted the challenge in 1912 to create the Wisconsin county extension system; and

Whereas, this centennial will be commemorated at public events held throughout the year and around the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature congratulates Cooperative Extension on the occasion of its centennial.

Senator Michael G. Ellis President of the Senate	Representative Jeff Fitzgerald Speaker of the Assembly
Date	Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk