



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 88

January 13, 1998 - Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES. Referred to Calendar.

1 **Relating to:** celebrating Wisconsin's sesquicentennial.

2 Whereas, in 1846 the U.S. government gave permission to the Territory of
3 Wisconsin to take the steps necessary to transform itself into a state; and

4 Whereas, one of those steps was drafting a constitution that the voters would
5 ratify and the U.S. Congress would approve; and

6 Whereas, in 1846 a convention drafted a constitution, but the territory's voters
7 failed to ratify it; and

8 Whereas, a 2nd constitutional convention met from December 15, 1847, until
9 February 1, 1848, and drafted a 2nd constitution; and

10 Whereas, the territory's voters, on March 13, 1848, ratified that constitution
11 16,759 to 6,384; and

12 Whereas, on May 29, 1848, President Polk signed a bill that admitted
13 Wisconsin to the union; and

14 Whereas, on June 5, 1848, the first state legislature convened; now, therefore,
15 be it

1 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the
2 legislature of the state of Wisconsin recognize that 1998 marks the 150th year of
3 Wisconsin's statehood and, meeting early in that year in Belmont, Wisconsin's first
4 capital, they urge all of the people of this state to celebrate this significant
5 anniversary, to take pride in the Wisconsinites who have made Wisconsin great, to
6 reflect on things that they can do to make this an even greater state and to participate
7 in, and enjoy, as many of the sesquicentennial events as possible; and, be it further

8 **Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
9 resolution to the Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission.

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(END)