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Relating to: Wisconsin firsts.

Whereas, Wisconsin's sesquicentennial year is an appropriate time to reflect on the impressive list of Wisconsin innovations; and

Whereas, among Wisconsin's legislative innovations are the first acts to provide worker's compensation, to create a workable income tax, to provide unemployment compensation, to discontinue legal discrimination against women, to provide continuing aid to persons who have disabilities, to provide for the administration of apprenticeships and to create a large private school voucher program; and

Whereas, among Wisconsin's innovations in education are the first kindergarten, the first agricultural experiment station and the first university extension courses; and

Whereas, Wisconsin was the first state to establish a comprehensive labor department, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race or national origin in hiring teachers, to permit public employes to bargain collectively and to establish a state building code; and

Whereas, among this state's achievements in transportation are the first automobile race, the first system for numbering highways, the first successful electric street railway and the first bikeway that spanned a state; and

Whereas, Wisconsinites invented the typewriter, a milk tester, a gasoline-powered farm tractor, the outboard motor, the automobile speedometer and the automatic clothes dryer; and

Whereas, the first radio station, the first hydroelectric plant and the first state historical society opened in Wisconsin, the Republican Party was formed in Wisconsin and the first Super Bowl was won by the Green Bay Packers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature salute the Wisconsinites who are responsible for these and other notable innovations and look forward to even more Wisconsin firsts; and, be it further

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

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