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## 2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 90

January 22, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Shilling, Hines, Mursau, Nelson, Nerison, Petrowski, Sheridan and Townsend, cosponsored by Senators Hansen, Kapanke, Olsen, Risser and Roessler. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: proclaiming an annual Wisconsin Water Skiing Appreciation Week.

Whereas, water skiing was invented by Ralph Samuelson in Minnesota in 1922; and

Whereas, water sports have become increasingly popular in Wisconsin with water ski enthusiasts taking advantage of Wisconsin's abundance of lakes and natural waterways; and

Whereas, recreational, club, and competitive water skiing offers unique opportunities for residents and tourists alike to enjoy the natural resources throughout Wisconsin while participating in a healthy and exciting activity; and

Whereas, Thompson "Tommy" Bartlett, a Milwaukee native, helped to bring the enthusiasm of water skiing thrill shows to the Wisconsin Dells and established Tommy Bartlett's Thrill show as an annual tourist destination and showcase of water skiing talent; and

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Whereas, the Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Tournament is the world's
largest water ski show tournament and is held annually beginning on the third
Thursday of July; and
Whereas, this tournament features numerous team and individual
competitions and has contributed greatly to the increased involvement and success
of water skiing; and
Whereas, encouraging participation in water skiing and other water sports is
vital to ensuring the continued enjoyment of this sport and the protection and
appreciation of our natural resources; and
Whereas, despite the international growth and interest in water skiing,
Wisconsin remains one of the premier water skiing destinations in the world; now,
therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
encourages the participation and recognition of water skiing in Wisconsin; and, be
it further
Resolved, That the week preceding the third Thursday of July each year be
designated as Wisconsin Water Skiing Appreciation Week.

(END)