



2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 51

May 29, 2007 - Introduced by Senators SCHULTZ, OLSEN, MILLER and KEDZIE, cosponsored by Representatives HINES, HUEBSCH, GUNDERSON, NERISON and BLACK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending Jeff Nania upon receipt of the 2007 National Wetlands
2 Award.

3 Whereas, Mr. Jeff Nania of Portage, Wisconsin, serves as executive director for
4 the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Nania began his service with the Wisconsin Waterfowl
6 Association in 1993 as its project director and in 14 years he has led wetland
7 restoration projects in more than 200 locations statewide; and

8 Whereas, in 1996, Mr. Nania launched Outdoor Adventure Days, an interactive
9 outdoor classroom that has provided more than 7,000 Wisconsin youth with
10 interactive outdoor classroom experiences, strengthening their connection with and
11 appreciation for our natural resources; and

12 Whereas, in 2002, Mr. Nania helped found River Crossing Environmental
13 Charter School, a nationally recognized school for grades 7 and 8 to inculcate a
14 passion and knowledge for future generations of conservationists and wetland

1 restoration leaders in Wisconsin, and Mr. Nania continues to teach students there
2 as they plan and implement restoration projects; and

3 Whereas, Mr. Nania has worked with hundreds of landowners and natural
4 resource professionals, teaching wetland restoration practices, he has led thousands
5 of school children in restoration activities, and he works actively with state and
6 federal legislators to advance wetland conservation public policy; and

7 Whereas, Mr. Nania's extraordinary effort, innovation, and excellence in
8 wetland conservation, research, and education, has led to his recognition as one of
9 6 recipients of the 2007 National Wetlands Award by the Environmental Law
10 Institute, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Highway
11 Administration, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, USDA
12 Natural Resources Conservation Service, NOAA Fisheries, and the US Army Corps
13 of Engineers; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
15 legislature congratulates Jeff Nania on the occasion of his national recognition for
16 leadership in wetland restoration; and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin legislature commends Jeff Nania for his
18 leadership as an advocate for wetland restoration in the state, his direct role to
19 restore thousands of acres of Wisconsin wetlands, and for providing a role model to
20 inculcate a passion for natural resource conservation in Wisconsin youth; and, be it
21 further

22 ***Resolved, That*** that the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
23 resolution to Mr. Nania.

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