

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 115

March 14, 2014 – Introduced by Representatives C. TAYLOR, SPIROS, BARNES, GOYKE, KESSLER, BERCEAU, BEWLEY, GENRICH, HINTZ, HULSEY, KOLSTE, MASON, MILROY, OHNSTAD, PASCH, SARGENT, SINICKI, YOUNG, ZAMARRIPA, HEBL and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators HARRIS, LEHMAN, RISSER and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: recognizing and commending the 1964 Freedom Summer voter
2	registration campaign and the contributions of Wisconsin residents.
3	Whereas, 2014 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the 1964 Freedom Summer
4	movement, where individuals from across the country, including many students from
5	the University of Wisconsin–Madison, converged in Mississippi and other southern
6	states to register African Americans to vote; and
7	Whereas, the Freedom Summer voter registration campaign was in response
8	to the historic disenfranchisement of African Americans, who were prevented from
9	voting by a variety of tactics including beatings and lynchings, poll taxes, and
10	literacy tests; and
11	Whereas, the Freedom Summer campaign was targeted at supporting the right
12	of African Americans to vote and towards establishing civil rights through the ballot
13	box; and

1	Whereas, dozens of Wisconsin residents worked or volunteered in peaceful,
2	nonviolent civil rights activities during Freedom Summer and in the years both
3	before and after; and
4	Whereas, Wisconsinites peacefully served as Freedom School teachers,
5	Freedom Riders, legal counsel, clergy, archivists, and voter registrars, all towards
6	the cause of securing civil rights through voting for African Americans; and
7	Whereas, former University of Wisconsin–Madison student Andrew Goodman
8	and his two college-aged colleagues were killed for their advocacy and efforts to
9	register African Americans to vote, and many more Wisconsin individuals often
10	risked their safety in order to nonviolently challenge the denial of voting rights to
11	African Americans; and
12	Whereas, the Freedom Summer campaign brought increased attention across
13	the United States and the world to the abuses perpetrated on African Americans, and
14	helped secure passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
16	Wisconsin state legislature do hereby recognize the brave actions of the Wisconsin
17	men and women who joined the civil rights movement and participated in Freedom
18	Summer and commends their service and dedication to securing voting rights and
19	civil rights for African Americans.
20	(END)