

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 113

March 7, 2018 – Introduced by Senator Shilling, cosponsored by Representatives NERISON, TRANEL, SINICKI, VORPAGEL, THIESFELDT, BERCEAU, ZEPNICK, SARGENT and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: honoring the 200th anniversary of Crawford County.
2	Whereas, Crawford County was organized in 1818 as part of the Michigan
3	Territory, and is one of two counties established then that still exist today; and
4	Whereas, Crawford County is bordered by the Mississippi and Wisconsin
5	Rivers, both of which feature the scenic bluffs that the county is known for; and
6	Whereas, the county seat is the city of Prairie du Chien, which sits along the
7	Mississippi River and was settled in the 1780s; and
8	Whereas, one of the state's most famous historical homes is Villa Louis in
9	Prairie du Chien, an Italian Villa style house built by the Dousman family in the
LO	1870s, restored in the 1930s, and now a Wisconsin Historic Site; and
11	Whereas, Fort Crawford at Prairie du Chien is the site of the only battle fought
12	in Wisconsin during the War of 1812, and later was used to enforce fur trade
13	regulations and keep the peace between the American Indians and the miners and
14	settlers inhabiting the area; and

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1	Whereas, the fort was named for William H. Crawford, who served as secretary
2	of war under President James Madison when the fort was rebuilt in 1816 after it was
3	abandoned and burned by the British; and
4	Whereas, the county would also be named for Crawford, who by 1818, was
5	serving as the United States secretary of the treasury under President James
6	Monroe; and
7	Whereas, the Mississippi River was connected to Lake Michigan at Prairie du
8	Chien via the railroad in 1857, and the area later became a hub for the expanding
9	regional rail system; and
10	Whereas, as part of the Great River Road, a national scenic byway, State
11	Highway 35 runs along Crawford County through Prairie du Chien, Lynxville, and
12	Ferryville, offering a wealth of historic stops and beautiful river views; and
13	Whereas, the Kickapoo River flows southwest through Crawford County to
14	empty out into the Wisconsin River just below Wauzeka, and is famous for its
15	winding, crooked path that attracts paddlers from all areas; and
16	Whereas, Soldiers Grove, which sits along the Kickapoo River, bills itself as
17	"America's First Solar Village"; and
18	Whereas, as part of the Driftless Area, Crawford County's topography was
19	untouched by the ice age glaciers and is distinct within the state; now, therefore be
20	it
21	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
22	Legislature recognizes the 200th anniversary of Crawford County, and also
23	recognizes the county's importance in Wisconsin's history.
24	(END)