



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 93

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1 **Relating to:** significant Wisconsin events.

2 Whereas, because 1998 is Wisconsin's sesquicentennial year, it is a suitable
3 time to remember some of the significant issues and events in this state's history; and

4 Whereas, in the early statehood period slavery, banking and temperance were
5 important issues; Wisconsin's politics were influenced by the fact that many of its
6 leaders had moved from New York and New England to Wisconsin; and some of the
7 important political events were the legislature's first meeting, on June 5, 1848, the
8 enactment of a public school code in 1849 and the enactment of the Bond law for
9 regulating the sale of liquor; and

10 Whereas, during the post-Civil-War era, Wisconsin matured into a modern
11 state; dealt with such significant issues as temperance, foreign language instruction,
12 railroad regulation and currency reform; and amended the state constitution to
13 make legislative sessions biennial; and

14 Whereas, during the Progressive era, the state developed a reputation for
15 innovation and reform, as evidenced by such accomplishments as enacting the first

1 workable income tax and the first worker's compensation act and being in the
2 vanguard of the movement that began to provide equal rights for women; and during
3 that era Robert M. LaFollette was Wisconsin's first presidential candidate and
4 immigration from Europe was significant, although many of the new arrivals
5 maintained their ethnic identities; and

6 Whereas, during the middle of the 20th century, important issues were
7 discrimination in housing and employment, the proper size and scope of state
8 government, environmental problems and welfare programs; and among the
9 accomplishments were the creation of a new school aid formula, a major legislative
10 reapportionment and the enactment of a comprehensive consumer protection act;
11 and

12 Whereas, during the current era health care and welfare reform, the business
13 climate, taxation and education have been major issues; and important legislation
14 on campaign finance, no-fault divorce, school finance, recycling and drunken driving
15 was passed; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin legislature urge all Wisconsin residents, during this sesquicentennial
18 year, to learn more about their state's rich and admirable history; and, be it further

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

21 (END)