



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55

December 23, 2009 – Introduced by Senators OLSEN, LASSA, SCHULTZ, MILLER, KEDZIE, COGGS, WIRCH, LEHMAN, TAYLOR and ERPENBACH, cosponsored by Representatives CLARK, BROOKS, SCHNEIDER, BLACK, TOWNSEND, JORGENSEN, HILGENBERG, POCAN, ZIGMUNT, HIXSON, BERNARD SCHABER, BERCEAU, ROYS, HINTZ, MASON, PASCH, POPE-ROBERTS and RIPP. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** declaring 2010 as the Year of John Muir.

2 Whereas, John Muir was born April 21, 1838, in Scotland, and moved to
3 Wisconsin at the age of 11, to a farm near Portage called Fountain Lake Farm; and

4 Whereas, at age 22, Muir enrolled at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and
5 received his first botany lesson, which inspired a deeper and enthusiastic interest in
6 nature; and

7 Whereas, in 1867, Muir walked 1,000 miles from Indiana to Florida by “the
8 wildest, leafiest, and least trodden way” he could find, and continued his travels to
9 California; and

10 Whereas, President Theodore Roosevelt visited California in 1903, spending
11 time with Muir, and becoming convinced of the need to protect the Yosemite Valley
12 through federal management; and

13 Whereas, Muir was among the most influential natural preservationists in the
14 United States; and

