



## 2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

January 14, 2013 – Introduced by Senators TIFFANY and MOULTON, cosponsored by Representatives SWEARINGEN and KAUFERT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1       **Relating to:** commending the Eagle River World Championship Snowmobile Derby  
2           on its 50th anniversary.

3           Whereas, the Eagle River World Championship Snowmobile Derby began in  
4       1964 as the brainchild of John Alward, Walt Goldsworthy, and Sparky Meyer in an  
5       effort to promote winter tourism in Eagle River; and

6           Whereas, the Derby first attracted around 5,000 spectators but now averages  
7       between 20,000 and 30,000; and

8           Whereas, the popularity of the local event continually grew and in 1974 it  
9       catapulted Eagle River into the winter sports spotlight as the Derby welcomed the  
10      first professional snowmobile riders' circuit, Sno Pro; and

11          Whereas, the 1975 Derby attracted a then record 40,000 spectators; and

12          Whereas, on October 3, 1985, the Decker family purchased the Derby site in an  
13      effort to improve the track and increase its usage; and

