



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

October 18, 2021 - Introduced by Senators MARKLEIN, BERNIER, CARPENTER, NASS and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives NOVAK, TRANEL, ALLEN, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, DRAKE, EDMING, HORLACHER, KERKMAN, KITCHENS, KNODL, LOUDENBECK, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MOSES, MURSAU, PENTERMAN, RIEMER, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VRUWINK and WITTKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** commemorating the 185th anniversary of the convening of Wisconsin's  
2           first territorial legislature.

3           Whereas, an act of Congress established the Wisconsin Territory in 1836,  
4     setting in motion the formation of a territorial government; and

5           Whereas, President Andrew Jackson appointed Henry Dodge as the territorial  
6     governor, responsible for conducting a census, calling elections, designating a  
7     temporary seat of government, and convening the legislature; and

8           Whereas, Governor Dodge honored the town of Belmont with selection as the  
9     first territorial capitol; and

10          Whereas, legislators traveled from across the Wisconsin Territory to convene  
11     the first territorial legislature, comprised of a council and a house of representatives,  
12     on October 25, 1836; and

13          Whereas, buildings commissioned by John Atchison housed meetings of the  
14     first territorial legislature and lodged councilors and representatives; and

