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2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

April 14, 2015 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, MARKLEIN, COWLES, L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, BALLWEG, BARCA, BERCEAU, CONSIDINE, DANOU, JORGENSEN, KAHL, KRUG, T. LARSON, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, SPIROS, SPREITZER, TITTL, TRANEL and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point men’s
2 basketball team for winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association
3 Division III Basketball National Championship title.

4 Whereas, the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point men’s basketball team
5 earned its fourth NCAA Division III championship in the last twelve years making
6 it only one of four collegiate programs to have won four NCAA Division III
7 Championships in men’s basketball; and

8 Whereas, the Pointers finished the season with a 27–5 record, including a 15–1
9 mark in conference play; and

10 Whereas, the Pointers won all but one of their NCAA tournament games by a
11 double-digit margin and ended the season ranked first in the Division III poll; and

12 Whereas, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point’s 18.5 point margin of victory
13 is the second-highest championship run by a team in Division III history; and

1 Whereas, the team has been directed by a dedicated and talented coaching staff,
2 led by head coach Bob Semling, who was named the Division III Coach of the Year;
3 and

4 Whereas, on the court the team was led by the Final Four’s Most Outstanding
5 Player, senior guard Austin Ryf, who averaged 19 points per game in the two Final
6 Four games; and

7 Whereas, Ryf was joined by junior guard Stephen Pelkofer and senior
8 guard/forward Joe Ritchay on the All-Tournament Team; and

9 Whereas, sophomore guard Caden Untiedt received the Elite 89 Award, which
10 is given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average at
11 the Final Four; and

12 Whereas, the Pointers team, which is comprised of junior Sean McGann, senior
13 Austin Ryf, senior Jordan Lutz, junior Stephen Pelkofer, sophomore Aaron Retzlaff,
14 freshman Luke Zuiker, sophomore Brad Freeborn, sophomore Caden Untiedt, junior
15 Bill Patterson, freshman Zack Goedeke, senior Joe Ritchay, senior Alex Richard, and
16 sophomore Jared Gjertson, and is coached by Bob Semling, Kent Dernbach, Jakob
17 Gollon, and Brant Bailey, has personified what a team should be and has made the
18 university, community, and state proud; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin legislature commend the Pointers, their coaching staff, and their student
21 athletes on winning the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III
22 Men’s Basketball National Championship title and wish them great success in all
23 their future endeavors.

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