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2021 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 25

January 28, 2022 - Introduced by Representative Mursau. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: commemorating the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of the

2	Village of Lena, Wisconsin.
3	Whereas, Swiss immigrant Étienne Clement Roserens (Rosera) and his wife
4	Vitaline (née Tessier) established a homestead in October 1872 on the land that is
5	now the Village of Lena; and
6	Whereas, other settlers, most of whom were French-Canadian, arrived and
7	settled on the land in the late 1870s; and
8	Whereas, the original homesteaders' only access to their land was by a 13-mile
9	logging trail from Oconto, Wisconsin; and
10	Whereas, the settlers referred to the land as Maple Valley due to the impressive
11	stands of maple trees, which the settlers harvested for syrup; and
12	Whereas, by 1879, the settlement had grown large enough to require a post
13	office; and
14	Whereas, George R. Hall was named postmaster and named the new post office
15	and village after his fiancée, Helena "Lena" Louisa McCartney; and

1	Whereas, the Milwaukee and Northern Railway Company extended its main
2	line through Lena in 1882; and
3	Whereas, the settlement grew rapidly after the arrival of the railroad, with a
4	blacksmith shop opening in 1882, a general store and hotel opening in 1883, and
5	telephone lines arriving in 1890; and
6	Whereas, the Village of Lena was incorporated in 1921; and
7	Whereas, since 1985, the village has celebrated Dairyfest, with festivities
8	including a parade, tractor pull, and five kilometer walk-run; and
9	Whereas, Lena is home to the former Frigo Cheese Company, now part of
10	Saputo Cheese USA, Oconto County's largest employer; and
11	Whereas, Lena offers small-town charm and amenities only a half-hour drive
12	from Green Bay; and
13	Whereas, the citizens of Lena plan to celebrate the village's centennial from
14	December 2021 through fall 2022; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin Assembly do
16	hereby recognize 2021 as the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Village
17	of Lena, Wisconsin; and, be it further
18	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
19	to the clerk of the Village of Lena, the clerk of Oconto County, and the Wisconsin
20	Historical Society.
21	(END)