

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 63

July 17, 2023 – Introduced by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, SUMMERFIELD, SINICKI, BALDEH, C. ANDERSON, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, DRAKE, EDMING, EMERSON, GREEN, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS, KRUG, MICHALSKI, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, PENTERMAN, PETRYK, ROZAR, SCHRAA, STEFFEN, SUBECK, TITTL, VOS and BEHNKE, cosponsored by Senator JACQUE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: honoring the legacy of Old Abe, Wisconsin's Civil War eagle.
2	Whereas, Old Abe became an iconic symbol of the Civil War as he fought
3	alongside the soldiers of the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment; and
4	Whereas, in the hopes of making him a cherished mascot for the regiment,
5	Lieutenant James McGuire purchased Old Abe for \$2.50 from Captain John E.
6	Perkins; and
7	Whereas, during his three-year enlistment, Old Abe fearlessly participated in
8	over 30 battles throughout the war, including the Battle of Vicksburg, the Siege of
9	Vicksburg, and the Battle of Jackson; and
10	Whereas, Old Abe served as a trusted guardian for his fellow soldiers, using his
11	keen sense of danger to more than once alert the regiment of potential Confederate
12	ambushes; and
13	Whereas, Old Abe's fierce reputation earned him the nickname "Yankee
14	Buzzard" among Confederate soldiers, who despised him to such an extent that
15	bounties were placed on his life; and

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1	Whereas, on March 26, 1881, Old Abe passed away after almost 20 years of life,
2	leaving behind a profound legacy of courage, boldness, and ferocity that was written
3	about in history books and inspired future generations of Americans, including
4	President Theodore Roosevelt; and
5	Whereas, Old Abe is memorialized in a magnificent six foot tall statue soaring
6	atop a 47.5 foot granite column in Vicksburg, Mississippi, reminding all of his
7	enduring significance and devotion to duty; and
8	Whereas, Old Abe's legacy extends to additional wars, as he was further
9	memorialized on the shoulder patch of the illustrious 101st Airborne Division in
10	World Wars I and II; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
12	Legislature recognizes and commemorates Old Abe, Wisconsin's Civil War eagle, for
13	his invaluable service to the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment and his
14	lasting legacy as a symbol of valor, patriotism, and vigilance.
15	(END)