

## **ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

**Relating to:** urging Congress to approve legislation to halt additional acquisition of lands in Sauk and Columbia counties by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Whereas, the United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed the purchase of approximately 8,116 acres of land in the town of Fairfield, county of Sauk, and the town of Caledonia, county of Columbia, for the creation of the Aldo Leopold Wildlife Refuge; and

Whereas, there is no public record of any local organization urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to pursue this proposal; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin assembly supports local decision making and as it relates to the Aldo Leopold Wildlife Refuge proposal, the local government officials have opted to reflect the vocal majority's wishes, all affected now having approved resolutions in opposition to the land acquisition for the purpose being promoted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including the Sauk County Board, the Columbia County Board, the towns of Fairfield in Sauk County and Caledonia in Columbia County, the Sauk County Agricultural Society, the town of Baraboo, the town of Greenfield and other local organizations; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, That** the members of the Wisconsin assembly urge President Clinton and the Congress of the United States to approve legislation to halt additional acquisition of lands in Sauk and Columbia counties by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or to halt action by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by executive order; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to President Clinton, to each member of this state's congressional delegation and to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin Representative Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders Assembly Chief Clerk