

1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 47

May 30, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Hahn, Prosser, Owens, Schneiders, Silbaugh, R. Young, Ott, Freese, Gard, Lorge, Grothman and Seratti, cosponsored by Senators Rude and Darling. Referred to calendar.

1	Relating to: proclaiming the Merrimac Ferry an official sesquicentennial
2	landmark.
3	Whereas, during 1848 the Wisconsin territorial legislature granted a charter
4	to Chester Matson, one of the earlier settlers at Merrimac, to operate a ferry across
5	the Wisconsin River; and
6	Whereas, during 1974 the ferry was registered in the National Register of
7	Historic Places; and
8	Whereas, the Merrimac Ferry is one of the 5 ferries operating in this state,
9	although at one time more than 500 were in operation; and
10	Whereas, the Merrimac Ferry is the only free ferry in the Midwest; and
11	Whereas, the ferry is an example of a kind of transportation that is historically
12	significant and rare; and
13	Whereas, each year thousands of persons enjoy a leisurely and beautiful ride
14	on the ferry across this state's most significant river; now, therefore, be it
15	Resolved by the assembly, the Senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
16	legislature designates the Merrimac Ferry an official sesquicentennial landmark.
17	(END)