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Relating to: memorializing Congress to establish daylight savings time year-round

2 throughout the United States. 3 Whereas, many persons enjoy daylight savings time during part of the year: 4 and 5 Whereas, daylight savings time accords better with the rhythms of human life 6 and allows people to spend more time in outdoor activities in the evening; and 7 Whereas, daylight savings time increases productivity, improves health, increases recreational activities, and reduces auto accidents, crime, and energy 8 9 consumption; and 10 Whereas, during World Wars I and II and during the oil crises of 1974 and 1975, 11 our nation turned to year-round daylight savings time as an economy measure to 12 conserve energy and improve the quality of life; and 13 Whereas, arguments against daylight savings time, such as the claim that it is 14 dangerous in the morning, are not supported by statistics; and

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Whereas, the department of transportation has found a significant decrease in 1 $\mathbf{2}$ traffic accidents and fatalities during extended periods of evening daylight; and 3 Whereas, changing clocks and schedules twice a year is considered a burden by 4 many citizens and businesses; and Whereas, under current federal law the states may not have permanent 5 6 daylight savings time throughout the year; now, therefore, be it 7 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature of 8 the state of Wisconsin hereby memorializes Congress to pass legislation that would 9 establish daylight savings time year-round in the United States; and, be it further 10 **Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint 11 resolution to the governor of Wisconsin, to each member of the Wisconsin 12 congressional delegation, to the President and Vice President of the United States, 13 to each member of the President's cabinet, and to the secretary of the U.S. senate and 14 the clerk of the U.S. house of representatives.

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