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2009 SENATE BILL 284

September 8, 2009 – Introduced by Senators Kreitlow, Jauch, Harsdorf, Hansen, Lehman, Coggs, Sullivan, Miller, Schultz, Wirch and Lassa, cosponsored by Representatives Hraychuck, Danou, Sherman, Milroy, Hebl, Roys, Black, Berceau, Turner, A. Ott, Sinicki, Molepske Jr., Kessler, Zigmunt, Jorgensen and Pope-Roberts. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

- AN ACT to create 84.1051 of the statutes; relating to: designating and marking
- 2 USH 63 as the Gaylord Nelson Highway.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, certain highway routes and bridges have been designated and marked to memorialize, commemorate, or recognize certain individuals, groups, or events. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the entire route of USH 63 as the "Gaylord Nelson Highway" in recognition and appreciation of Gaylord Nelson, who served with distinction as both the governor and a U.S. senator and whose legacy includes numerous environmental achievements, including the founding of Earth Day, the creation of the Knowles–Nelson Stewardship Program, and the preservation of the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers on USH 63 to identify the highway as the "Gaylord Nelson Highway."

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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84.1051 Gaylord Nelson Highway. (1) The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the entire route of USH 63 as the "Gaylord Nelson Highway" in recognition and appreciation of Gaylord Nelson, the native son of Clear Lake who served with distinction as both the governor from 1959 to 1963 and a U.S. senator from 1963 to 1981, and whose legacy includes numerous environmental achievements, including the founding of Earth Day, the creation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, and the preservation of the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior.

(2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining markers along the route specified in sub. (1) to clearly identify to motorists the designation of the route as the "Gaylord Nelson Highway," the department shall erect and maintain the markers. No state funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers.

16 (END)