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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

June 8, 2017 - Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Moulton, Cowles, Darling, Feyen, LeMahieu, Marklein, Olsen, Petrowski, Ringhand, Shilling, L. Taylor, Testin, Vinehout, Vukmir and Nass, cosponsored by Representatives Nerison, Novak, Allen, Ballweg, Berceau, E. Brooks, Considine, Crowley, Edming, Hebl, Horlacher, Jacque, Kitchens, Kolste, Kulp, Meyers, Milroy, Murphy, Mursau, Petryk, Pronschinske, Ripp, Spiros, Spreitzer, Subeck, Tauchen, Thiesfeldt, Tranel, Tusler, VanderMeer, Vruwink and Zimmerman. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

| 2 | Whereas, dairy is a vital industry in Wisconsin and the largest segment of |
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| 3 | Wisconsin's agriculture, with a total economic impact of over \$43 billion; and |
| 4 | Whereas, in June, the people of Wisconsin have the opportunity to celebrate the |
| 5 | agricultural heritage of the dairy industry in Wisconsin, which emerged as a major |
| 6 | economic industry in the late 19th century; and |
| 7 | Whereas, by 1899, more than 90 percent of Wisconsin farms raised dairy cows |
| 8 | and |
| 9 | Whereas, Wisconsin's very own Stephen Babcock, a professor at UW Madison |
| 10 | was the first to develop a system to test butterfat content in milk, now known as the |
| 11 | Babcock test, helping to instill the proud tradition of producing the highest quality |
| 12 | dairy product possible; and |
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Whereas, in 2016, a record breaking 30 billion pounds of Wisconsin milk was

Relating to: proclaiming June 2017 as Dairy Month in Wisconsin.

| 1 | Whereas, in 2016, Wisconsin claimed the World Champion Cheese title and was |
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| 2 | recognized as producing the best cheese in the world at the World Championship |
| 3 | Cheese Contest; and |
| 4 | Whereas, in 2017, the State of Wisconsin will recognize cheese as the official |
| 5 | Wisconsin dairy product for the first time; and |
| 6 | Whereas, in the month of June, the people of Wisconsin have the opportunity |
| 7 | to recognize the long-standing commitment dairy farmers have made to the State |
| 8 | of Wisconsin, prevailing as a pillar of economic success in the state; and |
| 9 | Whereas, Wisconsin would not be the great state it is today without steadfast |
| 10 | industries like dairy farming bringing jobs and prosperity to the state through its |
| 11 | unwavering dedication to the highest standard of dairy production, consistently |
| 12 | moving Wisconsin forward; now, therefore, be it |
| 13 | Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature |
| 14 | hereby proclaims June 2017 as Dairy Month in Wisconsin. |
| 15 | (END) |