



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 63

July 17, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, SUMMERFIELD, SINICKI, BALDEH, C. ANDERSON, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, DRAKE, EDMING, EMERSON, GREEN, GUNDRUM, KITCHENS, KRUG, MICHALSKI, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, PENTERMAN, PETRYK, ROZAR, SCHRAA, STEFFEN, SUBECK, TITTL, VOS and BEHNKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1 **Relating to:** honoring the legacy of Old Abe, Wisconsin's Civil War eagle.

2       Whereas, Old Abe became an iconic symbol of the Civil War as he fought  
3 alongside the soldiers of the Eighth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment; and

4       Whereas, in the hopes of making him a cherished mascot for the regiment,  
5 Lieutenant James McGuire purchased Old Abe for \$2.50 from Captain John E.  
6 Perkins; and

7       Whereas, during his three-year enlistment, Old Abe fearlessly participated in  
8 over 30 battles throughout the war, including the Battle of Vicksburg, the Siege of  
9 Vicksburg, and the Battle of Jackson; and

10       Whereas, Old Abe served as a trusted guardian for his fellow soldiers, using his  
11 keen sense of danger to more than once alert the regiment of potential Confederate  
12 ambushes; and

13       Whereas, Old Abe's fierce reputation earned him the nickname "Yankee  
14 Buzzard" among Confederate soldiers, who despised him to such an extent that  
15 bounties were placed on his life; and

