



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 87

October 19, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives NOVAK, TRANEL, ALLEN, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, DRAKE, EDMING, HORLACHER, KERKMAN, KITCHENS, KNODL, LOUDENBECK, MAGNAFICI, MILROY, MOSES, MURSAU, PENTERMAN, RIEMER, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VRUWINK and WITTKE, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, BERNIER, CARPENTER, NASS and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** commemorating the 185th anniversary of the convening of Wisconsin's
2 first territorial legislature.

3 Whereas, an act of Congress established the Wisconsin Territory in 1836,
4 setting in motion the formation of a territorial government; and

5 Whereas, President Andrew Jackson appointed Henry Dodge as the territorial
6 governor, responsible for conducting a census, calling elections, designating a
7 temporary seat of government, and convening the legislature; and

8 Whereas, Governor Dodge honored the town of Belmont with selection as the
9 first territorial capitol; and

10 Whereas, legislators traveled from across the Wisconsin Territory to convene
11 the first territorial legislature, comprised of a council and a house of representatives,
12 on October 25, 1836; and

13 Whereas, buildings commissioned by John Atchison housed meetings of the
14 first territorial legislature and lodged councilors and representatives; and

