



2011 SENATE BILL 112

May 27, 2011 – Introduced by Senator OLSEN, cosponsored by Representative CLARK. Referred to Committee on Transportation and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to create** 84.10235 of the statutes; **relating to:** designating and marking
2 a bridge on STH 33 in the city of Portage as the Pierre Pauquette Memorial
3 Bridge.

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 bridge on STH 33 across the Wisconsin River in the city of Portage as the “Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge” to recognize and honor this fearless and honest early settler of Wisconsin who operated a ferry business across the Wisconsin River and served as an intermediary between the federal government and the Native Americans of the area. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers to identify the bridge as the “Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge.”

For further information see the *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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1 **SECTION 1.** 84.10235 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **84.10235 Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge.** (1) The department shall
3 designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the bridge on STH 33 across the Wisconsin
4 River in the city of Portage as the “Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge” to recognize
5 and honor this fearless and scrupulously honest early settler of Wisconsin who
6 operated a ferry business across the Wisconsin River where the bridge now stands
7 and who served as an intermediary between the federal government and the Native
8 Americans of the area.

9 (2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including
10 any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining
11 markers for the bridge specified in sub. (1) to identify clearly to motorists the
12 designation of the bridge as the “Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge,” the
13 department shall erect and maintain the markers as provided in sub. (1). No state
14 funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be
15 expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers. The department shall
16 determine the placement of the markers, which may be located on the bridge or
17 within the highway right-of-way approaching the bridge.

18 **(END)**