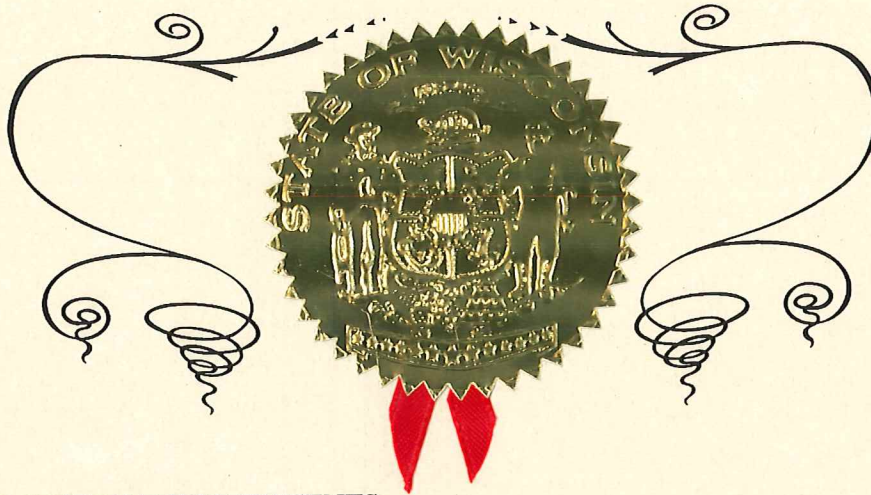


## CITATION OF COMMENDATION



KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

*WHEREAS, Leo A. Nickasch was born on September 20, 1914, in Appleton, Wisconsin; and*

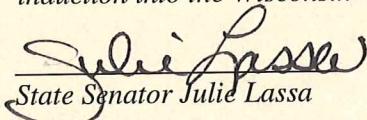
*WHEREAS, Mr. Nickasch credited his interest in conservation to his experiences at St. Joseph Catholic High School in Appleton when the church pastor would take groups of boys fishing on the Fox River and "spin the yarns about the woods and the rivers"; and*

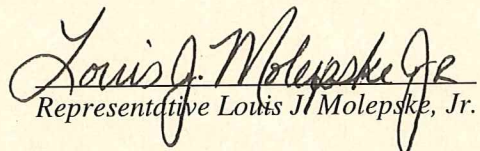
*WHEREAS, Mr. Nickasch successfully lobbied the Wisconsin State Legislature to pass legislation in 1982 requiring the Department of Natural Resources to give tree seedlings to all fourth grade students who request them for Arbor Day planting, an act that earned him the name "Mr. Trees" in the Neenah-Menasha area and that has allowed for the planting of millions of trees in twenty years time; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Nickasch received the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Youth Conservationist of the Year Award, the Munsingwear Conservation in Action Award, the Kimberly-Clark award for community service, the International Society of Arboriculture Gold Leaf Award, the Northeast Chapter Society of American Foresters Award for efforts in forestry education and an Award from the United States Forest Service for activities in fire prevention; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Nickasch served as a member of countless conservation committees throughout his life and served as Chair of the AFL-CIO Forest Committee Local 482, Chair of the Governor's Wisconsin Arbor Month Commission and Chair of the Neenah-Menasha Arbor Day Committee; now*

*THEREFORE, SENATOR JULIE LASSA and REPRESENTATIVE LOUIS J. MOLEPSKE, JR. on behalf of the Wisconsin State Legislature do hereby commend Leo "Mr. Trees" Nickasch for his countless contributions to conservation in Wisconsin, for sharing and educating Wisconsin schoolchildren about his love and respect for the outdoors and honor his legacy on the occasion of his induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.*

  
State Senator Julie Lassa

  
Representative Louis J. Molepske, Jr.

**April 24, 2004**