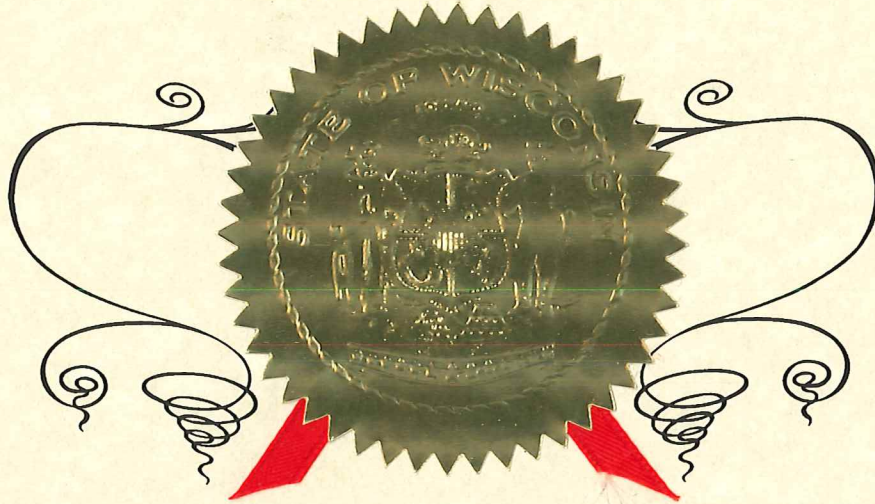


CITATION OF COMMENDATION



KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, Herbert F. Behnke was born on September 11, 1925 in Lena, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, he was the longest-serving member of the board that oversees Wisconsin's natural resources, and during that time he placed the welfare of people who loved to hunt and fish above those of special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, one of Herbert's first tastes of citizen engagement came in 1961, when Gov. Gaylord Nelson appointed him to the Wolf River Basin Regional Planning Commission, where he served the Commission until 1967 and carried the knowledge gained from that service to the natural resources arena, especially in the areas of conservation and land use; and

WHEREAS, as a life-long hunter and fisher, and also as a level-headed supporter of science-based decision-making, Herbert could be counted on to balance science with the needs of state outdoors enthusiasts, striving to apply science to serve the public interest; and

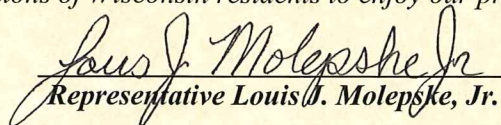
WHEREAS, Herbert acted as a tireless servant to the state of Wisconsin and has guided some of the most important natural resources and environmental policies in recent state history; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many years of service and achievement, Herbert was awarded numerous honors by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources, and many sportsmen organizations; and

WHEREAS, Herbert F. Behnke is a 2009 inductee into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame; now

THEREFORE, Senator Julie Lassa and Representative Louis J. Molepske, Jr. on behalf of the State of Wisconsin hereby honor Herbert Behnke for his dedication to environmental protection and preservation of our natural resources, which has enabled generations of Wisconsin residents to enjoy our pristine outdoors.


Senator Julie Lassa


Representative Louis J. Molepske, Jr.

Saturday, April 18, 2009