

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN



CITATION BY THE SENATE

KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert S. Ellarson is known throughout Wisconsin and the nation for his role in natural resources and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career he recognized the importance of educating and inspiring young people in the world of ecology and natural history so they would be able to make wise value judgements as an adult; and

WHEREAS, Professor Ellarson sought to provide educators with the proper information and tools necessary for them to educate our youth. He developed a program presented over the Wisconsin School of the Air (University of Wisconsin radio station, WHA) entitled "Wonderful World of Nature." Airing from 1956 to 1981, the program reached approximately 30,000 young people each Monday morning ; and

WHEREAS, through his radio program he presented understandable and accurate information which helped to provide the young with a heightened environmental awareness. He also developed a teachers' manual to help teachers who were not adequately informed in the natural sciences; and

WHEREAS, Professor Ellarson was actively involved in the 4-H program and through his leadership conservation was promoted at Camp Upham Woods in south-central Wisconsin and hiking trails, camping and recreational facilities, meeting and lodging accommodations, and a fulltime naturalist position were created; and

WHEREAS, through Professor Ellarson's tireless involvement in numerous committees he shared his expertise and made meaningful contributions to environmental education, plant and wildlife ecology, and soil and water management that will be enjoyed by generations to come; now

THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Senate, on the motion of Senator Shibilski and Representative Murat, do commend DR. ROBERT S. ELLARSON for his unwavering commitment to our young people and their respect for and understanding of the environment and for his induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.

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BRIAN D. RUDE
President of the Senate

April 20, 1996

Date

Handwritten signature of Donald J. Schneider in black ink.

DONALD J. SCHNEIDER
Senate Chief Clerk