

State of Wisconsin



CITATION BY THE LEGISLATURE

KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, William Peterburs, Jr. was a conservationist who took an active role in caring for and increasing protection for waterfowl populations and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, during a 1968 goose hunt William first discovered the effects of lead shot. His research continued and he pursued educating others on those effects by leading the controversial crusade to outlaw lead shot. Due in large part to his persistence, the use of lead shot for all waterfowl hunting in the United States was banned in 1991; and

WHEREAS, William was honored twice in 1978 by the federal government. He received the Silver Eagle Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – it's highest layman's award – which had only been bestowed upon three Wisconsinites and the U.S. Department of Interior's "Conservation Service Award" becoming the only Wisconsin citizen ever to receive it in the award's 60-year history; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin honors bestowed upon William include WWF's 1974 Conservationist of the Year; Milwaukee County Conservation Alliance's 1975 Conservationist of the Year; East Troy Triangle Sportsman Club's 1976 Friend of Conservation; WWF 1978 and 1986 Conservation Award Citations and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Wildlife Management's 1993 Special Service Award; and

WHEREAS, William was a true citizen advocate for educating the public and other waterfowl hunters on the detrimental effects of lead shot. He was an active member of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and served on other state committees including the Wisconsin Toxic Shot Evaluation Committee, Wisconsin Steering Committee for the Upper Mississippi and Great Lakes Region Joint Ventures, and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress' Migratory Study Committee and the Migratory Waterfowl Committee; now

THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Legislature, on the motion of Senator Shibilski and Representative Murat, commend WILLIAM B. PETERBURS, JR. for his work in the spirit of conservation volunteerism and enormous contributions to waterfowl and wetlands protection and for his induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.

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Speaker of the Assembly

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President of the Senate

April 19, 1997
Date

Donald J. Schneider

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Senate Chief Clerk