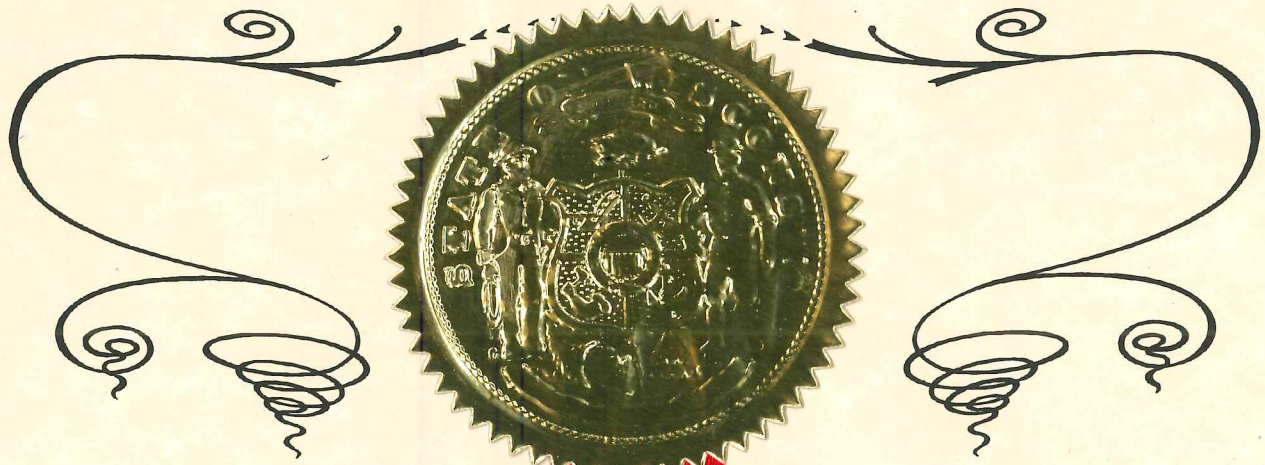


# State of Wisconsin



## CITATION BY THE LEGISLATURE

KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

*WHEREAS, Frederick G. Wilson dedicated his life to the conservation of Wisconsin's forests; and*

*WHEREAS, Fred was hired as a Forest Ranger on May 1, 1911 and his career in forestry continued until 1952, except when forestry was declared unconstitutional in Wisconsin from 1916-1922. In 1915 he moved to British Columbia and became the first registered forest engineer in that province and returned to Wisconsin in 1922; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1922 Fred became the first extension forester at the UW-Madison and served until 1930. In this capacity, he established the first school of forestry in the nation, the National Forests in Wisconsin and due to his efforts, the first rural zoning ordinance in the United States was enacted in 1933. From 1930-1952 he served the Wisconsin Conservation Department in numerous capacities as its first Chief Ranger for Fire Control and Superintendent of the Cooperative Forestry Division; and*

*WHEREAS, during the Griffith era, Fred developed the first tree nursery at Trout Lake, the first system of lookout towers for fire detection and established the Star Lake Plantation which is the oldest managed plantation in Wisconsin; and*

*WHEREAS, Fred was a 50-year member of the Society of American Foresters and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Wisconsin-Michigan Section and received the rank of Fellow in 1979. The Natural Resources Board recognized him in 1973 by naming the forest nursery at Boscobel the F.G. Wilson Nursery, the first Department property named after a living person; now*

*THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Legislature, on the motion of Senator Shibilski and Representative Murat, commend FREDERICK G. WILSON for his lifelong dedication and contributions to Wisconsin's forests and for his induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.*

*Ben Brancel*

BEN BRANCEL  
Speaker of the Assembly

*Fred A. Risser*

FRED A. RISSER  
President of the Senate

April 19, 1997  
Date

*Donald J. Schneider*  
DONALD J. SCHNEIDER  
Senate Chief Clerk