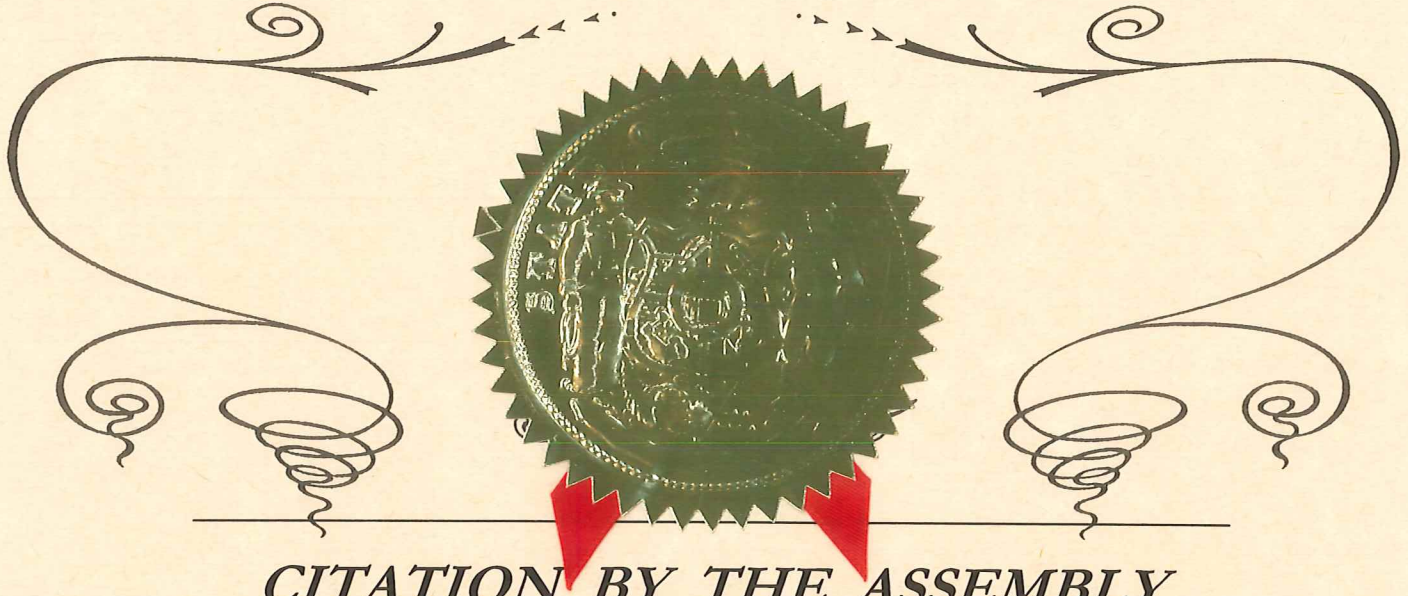


THE STATE OF WISCONSIN



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KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, Forest W. Stearns was born on September 18, 1918 in Shorewood, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Forest Stearns received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and continued his education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he received his Masters and doctorate degrees; and

WHEREAS, Forest Stearns was an expert on plant life in the Lakes State Region and is an internationally renowned and respected ecologist; and

WHEREAS, Forest Stearns served as a mentor to students as a professor of biology at Purdue University from 1947 – 1957 and as a faculty member and department chair in botany and biology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from 1968 – 1987 where he was among the nation's pioneers in the emerging field of urban ecology; and

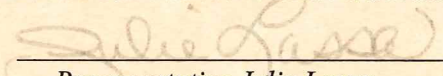
WHEREAS, Forest Stearns was named professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the countless scientific papers he authored, and for the students that he mentored and whom he was so loved by that they endowed an award in his name at the Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters after his retirement; and

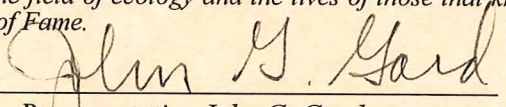
WHEREAS, Forest Stearns shared his wealth of knowledge and sense of humor with others after his retirement doing research at the United States Forest Service Northern Forest Research Station in Rhinelander, Wisconsin where he worked on wetland problems, ecology and diverse forestry; and

WHEREAS, Forest Stearns was a member of over fifteen environmental and ecological societies and won many esteemed awards including the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame, the American Institute of Biological Sciences Outstanding Leadership Award and the United State Forestry Service Scientific Roundtable Award; and

WHEREAS, Forest W. Stearns died in 1999; now, therefore,

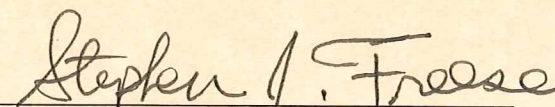
Representative Julie Lassa, on behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly, under Assembly Rule 97, hereby pays tribute to the immeasurable contributions that Forest Stearns made to the field of ecology and the lives of those that knew him and honors him with induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.


Representative Julie Lassa
71st Assembly District


Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

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April 12, 2003
Date


Representative Stephen J. Freese
Speaker Pro Tempore