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## **Lafayette County presented with Joint Resolution Commemorating First Territorial Legislature**

MADISON –Rep. Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville) presented Lafayette County Clerk Carla Jacobson, accepting on behalf of the County Board, with a Joint Resolution passed unanimously by the state Senate and Assembly. The resolution commemorates the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of Wisconsin’s Territorial Legislature in Belmont. An additional copy will be sent to the Town of Belmont and the State Historical Society.

The Joint Resolution was drafted and introduced in coordination with Sen. Marklein (R-Spring Green). The 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurred on Monday, October 25, 2021.

“I am proud of our history here in Southwest Wisconsin and was happy to see so many of my fellow lawmakers join to sponsor the resolutions on a bipartisan basis and then vote for adoption in both the Assembly and the Senate.” said Novak.

In 1836, the Wisconsin territory was formed by an act of Congress. President Andrew Jackson appointed Henry Dodge as the first territorial Governor who then subsequently selected Belmont to be the first meeting place for the territory’s first legislature. Many important decisions were made during that first meeting including the formation of a judicial system, designation of a permanent capitol in Madison, the establishment of a university, identification of various infrastructure projects, and outlining the internal workings of the newly formed government.

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