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## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

September 9, 2015 - Introduced by Senators Gudex, Lemahieu, Vukmir, Lasee, MARKLEIN, ERPENBACH, MILLER, STROEBEL, OLSEN, NASS, VINEHOUT, DARLING, RISSER and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives VORPAGEL, THIESFELDT, Spiros, Kerkman, Jagler, Ripp, Jarchow, Ballweg, Goyke, Ohnstad, Hutton, HINTZ, A. OTT, E. BROOKS, MURSAU, KRUG, SUBECK, BARCA, KATSMA, KNODL, MURTHA, MURPHY and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

**Relating to:** congratulating Whistling Straits, the Kohler Company, and Herbert 2 Kohler Jr. on the 97th Annual PGA Championship. 3 Whereas, in 1873, John Michael Kohler emigrated from Austria looking for the opportunity that America offered and started the Kohler Company; and 4 5 Whereas, since its humble beginnings in 1873, the company has grown into a 6 multifaceted global family of brands best known for plumbing products, but also 7 manufactures furniture, cabinetry, tile, engines, and generators; and 8 Whereas, over the next century and a half, his family company has grown to be 9 a large and profitable business, providing tens of thousands of jobs, and has literally 10 built a community named Kohler, Wisconsin; and 11 Whereas, Kohler also owns various hospitality establishments in the United 12 States and Scotland, including the American Club, the only AAA 5-Diamond resort hotel in the entire Midwest; the Black Wolf Run golf course in Kohler; and Whistling 13

Straits golf course in the Town of Mosel; and

1	Whereas, August 10–16th, 2015, Whistling Straits hosted the 97th Annual
2	PGA Championship, which brought some of the world's finest golfers to Wisconsin
3	to compete for the coveted PGA Championship, as well as thousands of volunteers
4	and spectators who flocked to the tournament and made Wisconsin proud; and
5	Whereas, this event injected over \$100 million into Wisconsin's economy thanks
6	to the hard work, planning, and foresight of Herbert Kohler Jr.; and
7	Whereas, the course now sets the stage for the 2020 Ryder Cup; and
8	Whereas, we appreciate all that the Kohler Company and Herbert Kohler Jr.
9	do for the Kohler area and tourism in our entire state by putting Wisconsin on the
10	map for golf enthusiasts around the world; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
12	legislature congratulates Whistling Straits, the Kohler Company, and Herbert
13	Kohler Jr. on another successful tournament for our state; and
14	Be it further resolved, That without the vision and foresight of John Michael
15	Kohler in 1873 and the hard work and proper planning of the Kohler Hospitality and
16	Real Estate Group, none of this would have been possible, and that we wish them
17	continued success in the years to come; and
18	Be it further resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall present a copy of this
19	resolution to the Kohler Company, The Kohler Hospitality and Real Estate Group,
20	Whistling Straits Golf Course, and Herbert Kohler Jr.
21	(END)