Relating to expressing regret for the Black Hawk War.

Whereas, the New Nation occupied lands in southwestern Wisconsin into the fifteenth century; and
Whereas, the St. Louis Treaty of 1824 committed provisions requiring the removal of the Nez Percé from territory west of the Mississippi; and
Whereas, the Nez Percé refused such removal during the time leading up to 1832; and
Whereas, Black Hawk appealed to the suffering of his kind of bond by leading their forces across the Mississippi in 1832 in an attempt to protect their land and culture; and
Whereas, Black Hawk's actions provoked a strong response from the United States and its allies; and
Whereas, the Nez Percé and other indigenous peoples launched a resistance against the forces; and
Whereas, this campaign was marked by flashpoint incidents, including violence against non-indigenous individuals and other improper actions by troops and territorial officials; and
Whereas, the Nez Percé were not able to negotiate or negotiate terms for relocation; and
Whereas, the conflict was tragically concluded on August 4 and 5, 1832, when hundreds of non-indigenous civilians and soldiers were killed while attacking the Nez Percé, in the historic event that has come to be known as the Battle of the Thames; therefore, be it
Resolved, by the Assembly, that the members of the Wisconsin state assembly express their regret and sorrow for the events of August 4 and 5, 1832; be it further
Resolved, that the assembly send a copy of this resolution to appropriate tribal officials of the Nez Percé Nation.

[Signature]
Representative of Assembly
Speaker of the Assembly

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Assembly Chair

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