

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Memorial Resolution-Michael W. King

FOR: OCTOBER, 2007 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Matt Frank

SUMMARY:

Michael W. King served the citizens of the State of Wisconsin for nearly 26 years before passing away June 3, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Memorial Resolution for Michael W. King

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

- No  Fiscal Estimate Required
- No  Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required
- No  Background Memo

- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached
- Yes  Attached

APPROVED:

Scott Humrickhouse  
Regional Director, Scott Humrickhouse

9/17/07  
Date

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Administrator,

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Date

Matt Frank  
Secretary, Matt Frank

10/2/07  
Date

cc: Laurie J. Ross - AD/5  
Colleen Higgins-Eau Claire

## *Memorial Resolution*

Michael W. King, of Wausau, Wisconsin passed away Sunday, June 3, 2007 at the age of 51. Mike began his career with the Department in 1981. He was a forester at various locations around the state, including Mercer, Antigo and, since 1991, Wausau. He started as the Marathon County liaison forester and public and private lands forester. In 1995, he assumed the role of forest ranger in addition to his other responsibilities.

Mike was a member of the Wausau Forestry Team. He also served on the Public Forest Specialist Team starting in 2004 and, for a few years, he served on the Wausau Service Center team. Mike was committed to professional forestry and went well beyond what was required of him. There were countless times Mike would come in early or work late to take care of paperwork, contact people he was unable to reach during normal workday hours, or finish projects to meet deadlines, without expectation of compensation.

Mike was named State of Wisconsin Forester of the Year in 2002, and he was the co-nominating forester to the 2004 National Tree Farmer of the Year award. Mike also did an outstanding job working with, training, coaching, and mentoring forestry technicians. Four of the technicians he coached have moved on to professional-level forestry positions within the DNR. A member of the Society of American Foresters since 1983, Mike was knowledgeable in silviculture and all aspects of the Forestry program.

Mike was well-respected, both professionally and personally. He was a dedicated employee and did what was best for the department and for the people he served. He was an avid "outdoors" person. He was a devoted husband and enjoyed spending time with his family. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and had a great respect for the resource.

Mike touched so many people throughout his life. He was a remarkable person and will be greatly missed and his memory will surely live on. We are all blessed for having been touched by him. The world is a better place because of him.

**WHEREAS**, Michael W. King has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and will be missed, but never forgotten;

**WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD**, assembled at Platteville, Wisconsin in October, 2007, hereby express our respect and appreciation for the services Michael W. King gave to the people of the State of Wisconsin he so ably represented and convey our condolences to the family he so loved. This memorial resolution is made a part of the official Board Records.

*Natural Resources Board*

Christine Thomas, CHAIR