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## **Brunsweler River Legislation to Honor Martin Hanson Announced**

Madison—Senator Bob Jauch (D-Poplar) and Representative Gary Sherman (D-Port Wing) announced today that they are introducing legislation to designate the Brunsweler River as a Wild River in honor of environmentalist Martin Hanson.

“With respect for Martin and confirmation of his stewardship legacy, Representative Sherman and I are seeking co-sponsorship of legislation to designate the Brunsweler River as a Wild River. This will be our first piece of legislation this session and it will honor a man who honored Wisconsin throughout his life,” stated Jauch.

In November Wisconsin lost one of the most important environmental leaders of the last century, Martin Hanson. Martin Hanson loved the land and lived his life to preserve it. He was happiest when he was on his beautiful property in Mellen, Wisconsin surrounded by the wildlife he cared for and the natural resources that sustained his life and his passion for protecting it.

“I have always turned to Martin on matters affecting the forests, waterways, and air. No one knew the issues more intimately, cared more deeply, or had better insight on matters that affect the environment,” stated Sherman.

“Martin will always be remembered and respected for his successful advocacy for major environmental policies that will protect our natural resources and enrich the quality of life for generations long into the future,” Jauch explained.

Gaylord Nelson, Congressman Dave Obey and countless other elected officials relied upon Martin for his spirited advocacy on a broad array of environmental causes, especially the protection of the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior as the Apostle Island National Lakeshore, the reintroduction of elk into the North Woods, and the creation of wild and scenic waterways.

“I and others who know Martin have been blessed by his humor, have been motivated by his endless ideas, and entertained through his wildlife videos and countless stories. Representative Sherman and I are pleased to play a role in adding to his legacy through this legislation,” concluded Jauch.

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