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State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 2

2	Whereas, Dismas P. Becker was born on September 16, 1936, and died on
3	September 19, 2010; and
4	Whereas, Dismas Becker began a career of service to his fellow man with his
5	ordination as a Carmelite priest in 1964; and
6	Whereas, Dismas Becker became one of a number of Catholic priests in
7	Milwaukee dedicated to direct action in the causes of civil rights, aid to the poor, and
8	opposing the war in Vietnam; and
9	Whereas, in one of his most notable acts of protest, Dismas Becker was
10	physically beaten in a demonstration that included the seizure of the state assembly
11	chamber in 1969; and
12	Whereas, Dismas Becker totally subscribed to the notion that we have two
13	choices: "win or die!"; and
14	Whereas, his involvement in social issues led Becker to leave the Carmelite
15	order and the priesthood in 1972; and

Relating to: the life and public service of Dismas P. Becker.

1	Whereas, he married E. Fay Anderson in 1975; and
2	Whereas, his social activism led him to return to the assembly chamber as an
3	elected member in 1977; and
4	Whereas, during the course of six terms in the assembly, he rose to a position
5	of leadership, serving as majority leader during the 1985 session; now, therefore, be
6	it
7	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
8	legislature salutes the life and public service of Dismas P. Becker, and mourns his
9	passing; and, be it further
10	Resolved , That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
11	to Dismas Becker's widow, E. Fay Anderson, his son Robert A. Becker, and his
12	stepchildren Penelope Buckingham and Earl, Lorraine, and Elizabeth Anderson.
13	(END)