



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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

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

