



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 17

February 18, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives PARISI, BLACK, SEIDEL, POCAN, BERCEAU, BIES, SHERMAN, POPE-ROBERTS, RICHARDS and ROYS, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** declaring March 10, 2009, Tibet Day.

2 Whereas, Tibetans around the world are holding events to commemorate 50
3 years of exile and celebrate the efforts to preserve and sustain their identity and to
4 thank governments, including the United States for its support during this time; and

5 Whereas, the United States Congress has enacted legislation declaring Tibet
6 an occupied country whose true representatives are His Holiness the Dalai Lama
7 and the Tibetan Government in Exile; and

8 Whereas, the accumulated grievances of almost 6 decades of cultural, religious,
9 economic, and linguistic repression of the Tibetan people by the government of the
10 People’s Republic of China has resulted in resentments that are the root of the
11 Tibetan protests; and

12 Whereas, the human rights and freedom in Tibet must be the concern of all
13 freedom-loving people who must call on the government of China to end its
14 crackdown on Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the

1 Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution to protect the fundamental freedoms of all
2 Tibetans; and

3 Whereas, on March 10, 2009, Tibetans will gather in their host countries to
4 commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the
5 Chinese occupation of their country and to honor more than one million Tibetans who
6 died in their struggle for the independence of Tibet; and

7 Whereas, it is fitting on this 50th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising
8 that we recognize Wisconsin’s Tibetan community and its plea for justice; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
11 Wisconsin legislature proclaim March 10, 2009, “Tibet Day.”

12 (END)