



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 1

January 20, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives D. CULLEN, YOUNG, FIELDS, GRIGSBY, HEBL, HINTZ, HONADEL, KAUFERT, MOLEPSKE JR, PASCH, PRIDEMORE, RICHARDS, SPANBAUER, STASKUNAS, STONE, STRACHOTA, THIESFELDT, TOLES, TURNER, ZEPNICK and ZIEGELBAUER, cosponsored by Senators VUKMIR, S. COGGS, COWLES, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, KEDZIE, LAZICH, MILLER, TAYLOR and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1       **Relating to:** honoring the life and achievements of Hank Raymonds.

2               Whereas, Henry “Hank” Raymonds, the legendary men’s basketball coach and  
3 athletic director at Marquette University, passed away on Monday, December 6,  
4 2010, at the age of 86 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and

5               Whereas, Hank Raymonds was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 5, 1924,  
6 and attended St. Louis University High School and St. Louis University, where he  
7 graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education; and

8               Whereas, Hank Raymonds, became the first student-athlete at St. Louis  
9 University to earn four varsity letters in basketball and helped the Billikens win the  
10 National Invitational Tournament title in 1948; and

11              Whereas, Hank Raymonds who played under Coach Eddie Hickey while at St.  
12 Louis University, was hired by Hickey as an assistant coach when Hickey was named  
13 the head men’s basketball coach at Marquette University in 1961; and

1           Whereas, Hank Raymonds was retained as an assistant coach at Marquette  
2 University when Al McGuire was named head coach in 1964, remaining in that  
3 position until 1977; and

4           Whereas, during Marquette University's magical 1977 season, Hank  
5 Raymonds was part of a legendary coaching staff, which included Head Coach Al  
6 McGuire, Raymonds and fellow Assistant Coach Rick Majerus, and helped lead the  
7 Warriors to the 1977 NCAA National Championship where they defeated the  
8 University of North Carolina; and

9           Whereas, Hank Raymonds was named Marquette University head men's  
10 basketball coach and athletic director following the championship season of 1977,  
11 succeeding Al McGuire; and

12           Whereas, Hank Raymonds compiled a career record of 126 wins and 50 losses  
13 while at Marquette University, a career winning percentage of .716, and all six of his  
14 Marquette teams advanced to postseason play, including five trips to the NCAA  
15 tournament; and

16           Whereas, Hank Raymonds' head coaching highlights included the 1977-78  
17 Marquette squad that went 24-4 and was ranked No. 3 nationally in the final United  
18 Press International poll, his 1978-79 team that finished 22-7 and was ranked No.  
19 10 nationally in the final Associated Press rankings, that he was named the 1979  
20 Medalist Sports Education Coach of the Year, and that five of his players were named  
21 All-Americans and sixteen of his players were drafted into the National Basketball  
22 Association; and

23           Whereas, Hank Raymonds' tenure as Marquette University athletic director  
24 was highlighted by his work to elevate Marquette University's women's athletic  
25 teams to Division I status, and upon his retirement from the position in 1987, his

1 selfless act of returning a \$10,000 gift from Marquette University and instead  
2 requesting that it be used to start a fund for nonrevenue sports that exists to this day  
3 as the Blue and Gold Athletic Scholarship Fund at Marquette University; and

4       Whereas, Hank Raymonds spent more than 25 years at Marquette University,  
5 serving as an assistant coach, as the school's 10th men's basketball head coach, and  
6 as athletic director, and it was his humanity and grace which prompted many of his  
7 former players to describe him as a "father figure," "trusted friend," and "great man"  
8 when they learned of his passing; and

9       Whereas, Hank Raymonds was inducted into the inaugural Hall of Fame class  
10 at Christian Brothers University, where he coached from 1955 to 1961, the St. Louis  
11 University Sports Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame as a member of  
12 the 1948 St. Louis University NIT Champions, the Marquette M Club Hall of Fame,  
13 the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches  
14 Association Hall of Fame; and

15       Whereas, Hank Raymonds touched the lives of countless people during his  
16 lifetime, helping to transform young men and women into caring, committed,  
17 involved, and productive adults by encouraging them to take their studies seriously  
18 and become the best people they could be, not simply the best athletes; and

19       Whereas, Hank Raymonds will be deeply missed by his wife Jinny, his five  
20 children, thirteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, other family members  
21 and friends, hundreds of former student-athletes, fellow coaches and  
22 administrators, the Marquette University community, all of those who were  
23 fortunate to have known him, and countless others who simply admired his  
24 dedication to Marquette University and all of its students, staff, and faculty; now,  
25 therefore, be it

