



2009 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

February 24, 2009 – Introduced by Senators PLALE, SULLIVAN and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives SINICKI and KLEEFISCH. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending Archbishop Timothy Michael Dolan on his appointment
2 as archbishop of New York.

3 Whereas, Pope John Paul II named Timothy Michael Dolan the archbishop of
4 Milwaukee on June 25, 2002. Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, papal nuncio to the
5 United States, installed Archbishop Dolan as Milwaukee's tenth archbishop on
6 August 28, 2002, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist; and

7 Whereas, Archbishop Dolan was born on February 6, 1950, the first of five
8 children born to Shirley Radcliffe Dolan and the late Robert Dolan. In 1964,
9 Archbishop Dolan began his high school seminary education at St. Louis Preparatory
10 Seminary South in Shrewsbury, Missouri. His seminary foundation continued at
11 Cardinal Glennon College, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy.
12 He then completed his priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College
13 in Rome where he earned a license in sacred theology at the Pontifical University of
14 St. Thomas; and

1 Whereas, Archbishop Dolan was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1976.
2 He then served as associate pastor at Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights,
3 Missouri, until 1979 when he began studies for a doctorate in American Church
4 History at the Catholic University of America. Before completing the doctorate, he
5 spent a year researching the late Archbishop Edwin O’Hara, a founder of the
6 Catholic Biblical Association. Archbishop O’Hara’s life and ministry were the
7 subject of Archbishop Dolan’s doctoral dissertation; and

8 Whereas, Archbishop Dolan served in parish ministry in St. Louis, Missouri,
9 from 1983 to 1987, during which time he was also a liaison for the late Archbishop
10 John L. May in the restructuring of the college and theology programs of the
11 archdiocesan seminary system; and

12 Whereas, on June 19, 2001—the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to
13 the priesthood—then Father Dolan was named the auxiliary bishop of St. Louis by
14 Pope John Paul II. The new Bishop Dolan chose for his Episcopal motto the
15 profession of faith of St. Peter: “Ad Quem Ibimus?” (Lord to whom shall we go?) (John
16 6:68); and

17 Whereas, Archbishop Dolan has led the 211 parishes and nearly 700,000
18 Catholics within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee through a period of healing and
19 reconciliation with integrity and honor. In addition, he has been a leader to all
20 Milwaukeeans regardless of their faiths; and

21 Whereas, Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Dolan the archbishop of New
22 York on February 23, 2009. Milwaukeeans of all faiths send their prayers with
23 Archbishop Dolan as he embarks on this new endeavor; now, therefore, be it

