



## 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 82

November 18, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives WALKER, L. YOUNG, OURADA, PLALE, RILEY and RUTKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senators BURKE, GEORGE, HUELSMAN, MOORE and FARROW.

1     **Relating to:** The life and service of the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J.

2             Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., was born on October 1, 1923, in  
3     Omaha, Nebraska, and died on November 14, 1997, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

4             Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., entered the Society of Jesus in  
5     1941 and was ordained a priest in 1954; and

6             Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., received a bachelor of arts degree  
7     in 1947 and a masters of arts degree in 1948 from St. Louis University and received  
8     his doctoral degree in higher education from the University of Chicago in 1959; and

9             Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., came to Marquette University in  
10    1960 and later was appointed academic vice president, a position he held until he  
11    became Marquette University's 20th president, by which time he was affectionately  
12    known by the Marquette community as "Buck" Raynor; and

13            Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., was president of Marquette  
14    University from September 9, 1965, through August 14, 1990, the longest tenure as  
15    chief executive in the 116-year history of the university; and

1           Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., strengthened the quality of the  
2 Marquette faculty, and during his tenure its undergraduate, graduate and  
3 professional programs grew steadily; and

4           Whereas, in 1969, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., established the  
5 Marquette Education Opportunity Program, which was hailed as a model for  
6 providing educational opportunities to low-income, first generation college  
7 students; and

8           Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., during his tenure as president  
9 strengthened Marquette’s Catholic, Jesuit tradition, enhanced its reputation among  
10 the nation’s prominent universities and continued its firm commitment to the  
11 greater Milwaukee community as an urban institution; and

12           Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., was president of Marquette when  
13 the men’s basketball team won the 1970 National Invitational Tournament and the  
14 1977 NCAA Championship; and

15           Whereas, more than half of the university’s 96,000 living alumni graduated  
16 during Father Raynor’s presidency; and

17           Whereas, the Reverend John P. Raynor, S.J., served as a mentor to all through  
18 the virtues he exemplified; now, therefore, be it

19           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
20 Wisconsin legislature commend the decades of devoted service that the Reverend  
21 John P. Raynor gave to Marquette University’s students, faculty, members and  
22 administrators and to the community of Milwaukee, recognize the sterling qualities  
23 that he exhibited as a Jesuit priest, express their sorrow at his death and extend their  
24 condolences to his family and the entire Jesuit community; and, be it further

