



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 87

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1 **Relating to:** declaring April 6 Tartan Day.

2 Whereas, on April 6, 1320, the Scots declared their independence; and

3 Whereas, that declaration included the noble words “we fight not for glory, nor
4 riches, nor honours, but for freedom alone”; and

5 Whereas, April 6 is beginning to be recognized as Tartan Day, a day to celebrate
6 not only that declaration but also the contributions that persons of Scottish descent
7 have made to this country; and

8 Whereas, among those contributions are helping to form this country, as
9 evidence by the fact that nearly half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence
10 were of Scottish descent; and

11 Whereas, Neil Armstrong, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Alva Edison,
12 Katherine Hepburn, Edgar Allen Poe and James McNeil Whistler are among the
13 many notable Scottish-Americans; and

14 Whereas, one acting governor of this state, Arthur MacArthur, and one
15 governor, William Smith, were born in Scotland; now, therefore, be it

