

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 100

1 **Relating to:** celebrating March 1, 2000, as St. David's Day.

2 Whereas, March 1 is St. David's Day, a day honoring the patron saint of Wales;
3 and

4 Whereas, natives of Wales began moving to Wisconsin during the 1840's,
5 settling principally in the southwest corner of the state and in Racine and Waukesha
6 counties; and

7 Whereas, among their early contributions to this state were their extensive
8 knowledge of mining and stock breeding and their musical talent, as evidenced by
9 the popularity of the Welsh Musical Union; and

10 Whereas, a few towns and villages in Wisconsin, such as Cambria, Randolph,
11 Wales, Pickett and Oshkosh, still retain a Welsh flavor; and

12 Whereas, many prominent residents of this state were of Welsh descent; among
13 them are Frank Lloyd Wright; Evan Evans, a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals
14 for the Seventh Circuit; Joseph Davies, an ambassador to Russia; and Peter
15 Houston, the inventor of the folding film roll; and

1 Whereas, St. David’s Day has traditionally been celebrated by the Welsh by
2 reading poetry, singing and eating Welsh food; now, therefore, be it

3 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
4 Wisconsin legislature salute all of the persons of Welsh descent for their significant
5 contributions to this state, express appreciation for those persons who have kept
6 alive Welsh culture and traditions and join with all Wisconsinites who revere their
7 Welsh heritage in celebrating St. David’s Day on March 1, 2000.

8 (END)