

2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 27

1 **Relating to:** honoring Pope John Paul II.

2 Whereas, Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born in Wadowice, Poland, on May 18, 1920;

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4 Whereas, he made his First Holy Communion at age 9 and was confirmed at age
5 18. He studied in the clandestine seminary of Krakow, during World War II, and was
6 ordained a priest in 1946; and

7 Whereas, Karol Wojtyla continued his studies and earned doctoral degrees in
8 philosophy and theology in the 1950s and served as a professor at the Catholic
9 University of Lublin; and

10 Whereas, on January 13, 1964, he was nominated Archbishop of Krakow by
11 Pope Paul VI, who made him a cardinal on June 26, 1967, in the Sistine Chapel; and

12 Whereas, on October 16, 1978, Karol Wojtyla began his pontificate as Pope John
13 Paul II; and

14 Whereas, Pope John Paul II became the church's 264th pope and the first
15 non-Italian pope in 455 years; and

