

## 2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 27

April 5, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives GARD, J. FITZGERALD, JESKEWITZ, LOEFFELHOLZ, MUSSER, GOTTLIEB, GUNDRUM, HUEBSCH, VAN ROY, OTT, MCCORMICK, KRAWCZYK, DAVIS, RHOADES, MURSAU, LEMAHIEU, KESTELL, SEIDEL, TOWNSEND, ALBERS, WIECKERT, HAHN, NISCHKE, GUNDERSON, TOWNS, VUKMIR, LEHMAN, NERISON, M. WILLIAMS, KERKMAN, BALLWEG, PETROWSKI, TOLES, VOS, VRAKAS and MONTGOMERY, cosponsored by Senators PLALE, SCHULTZ, GROTHMAN, STEPP, KANAVAS, S. FITZGERALD, KEDZIE, LAZICH, DARLING, ROESSLER, ERPENBACH and BRESKE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

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

3     and

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

1           Whereas, Pope John Paul II used his pontificate to become a world leader for  
2 freedom by becoming a voice against communism, oppression, and tyranny; and

3           Whereas, in the 1980s, Pope John Paul II helped energize the movement for  
4 freedom in Poland by vocally supporting the striking dock workers at the Gdansk  
5 Shipyard. That strike helped bring freedom to Poland and began the downfall of  
6 communism; and

7           Whereas, Pope John Paul II became the most traveled pope in history and  
8 became the first pope to officially visit Israel; and

9           Whereas, Pope John Paul II journeyed more than three-quarters of a million  
10 miles meeting with other major world leaders during his papacy; and

11           Whereas, Pope John Paul II was a tireless voice for freedom having personally  
12 survived fascism, communism, and terrorism; and

13           Whereas, Pope John Paul II, in his 26 years as the head of the Catholic Church,  
14 became more than just a spiritual leader for people of his faith, but also a moral and  
15 influential leader for the entire world. He has been a voice for peace and human  
16 dignity, standing up for those who had no voice; and

17           Whereas, Pope John Paul II met his great reward on April 2, 2005, at the age  
18 of 84; now, therefore, be it

19           ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
20 Wisconsin legislature commend the life of Pope John Paul II, express their sorrow  
21 at his death, and extend condolences; and, be it further

22           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint  
23 resolution to the Vatican and to the Most Reverend Archbishop Timothy Dolan at the  
24 Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

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