



## 2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 11

1     **Relating to:** the life and public service of President Gerald R. Ford.

2             Whereas, President Gerald R. Ford was born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1913, and  
3 he grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where the midwestern values of honesty,  
4 integrity, and hard work were instilled; and

5             Whereas, Gerald Ford starred on the University of Michigan football team,  
6 served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and  
7 returned to Grand Rapids, where he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives  
8 for 25 years; and

9             Whereas, Gerald Ford's road to the presidency was unprecedented: he was the  
10 first vice president chosen under the Twenty-fifth Amendment and on August 9,  
11 1974, was sworn in as the 38th President of the United States of America; and

12             Whereas, President Gerald Ford worked aggressively to heal a divided nation  
13 and reminded all Americans that the United States must move forward; and

14             Whereas, President Gerald Ford acted to curb the trend toward government  
15 intervention and spending as a means of solving the problems of American society

1 and the economy, fought to lower the devastating impact of inflation on American  
2 families, and fought to revive the national economy through controlled government  
3 spending; and

4 Whereas, President Gerald Ford rose to meet the challenge of a changing  
5 international affairs by working to prevent a new war in the Middle East, providing  
6 aid to both Israel and Egypt while persuading the two countries to accept an interim  
7 truce agreement, continuing detente with the Soviet Union, and successfully  
8 working with Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev to set new limitations on nuclear  
9 weapons; now, therefore, be it

10 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature does  
11 hereby announce July 14, 2007, as “Gerald Ford Day.”

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