

State of Misconsin 2009 - 2010 LEGISLATURE

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 21

1	Relating to: celebrating March 1, 2009, 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 1840s,
5	settling principally in the southwest corner of the state and in Columbia, Milwaukee,
6	Racine, and Waukesha 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 Beaver Dam, Cambria,
11	Randolph, Wales, Pickett, Waukesha, 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

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

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin legislature salute all of the persons of Welsh descent for their significant
contributions to this state, express appreciation for those persons who have kept
alive Welsh culture and traditions, and join with all Wisconsinites who revere their
Welsh heritage in celebrating St. David's Day on March 1, 2009.

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