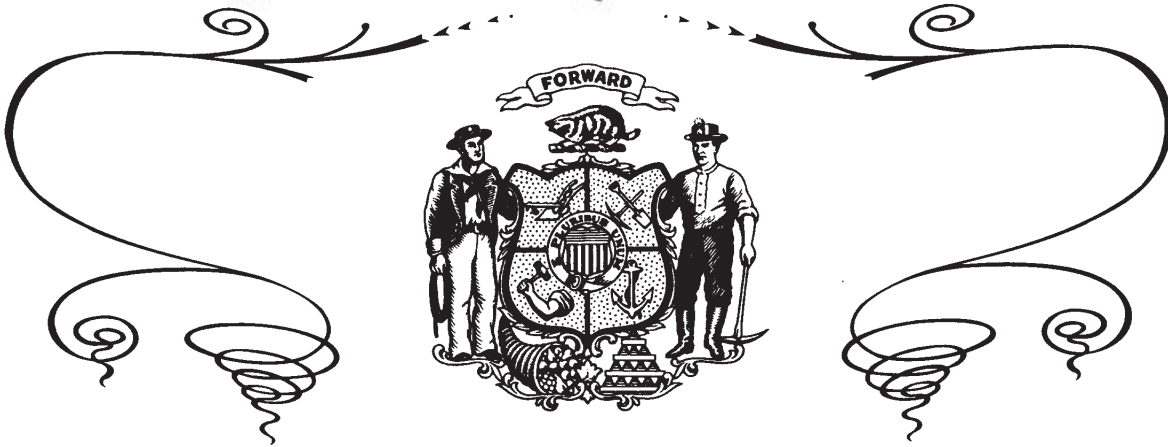


State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 21

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: celebrating March 1, 2009, as St. David's Day.

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk