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Please see the attached drafting request.



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Drafting Request

TO: LRB Drafting
FROM: Rep. Jeff Fitzgerald

DATE: October 19, 2009

RE: Resolution recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Collapse of the Berlin Wall

Please draft an Assembly Joint Resolution recognizing and commemorating the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the symbolic end of the Cold War. Proposed language can be found below. Please contact Eric Bott in my office at (608) 266-2540 with any questions.

Thank you.

Relating to: recognizing the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the symbolic end of the Cold War.

Whereas, November 9, 2009, marks the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the symbolic end of the Cold War;

Whereas, the Cold War was an enduring struggle between communism and democracy throughout the second half of the 20th century;

Whereas, the last United States President to speak at the Brandenburg Gate prior to the destruction of the Berlin Wall was President Ronald Reagan, who, in June 1987, stated, 'General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!';

Whereas, two years later, in September 1989, protests that the East Germans called the 'Peaceful Revolution' broke out, with protestors at first chanting 'We want out!', and then gradually changing that protest cry to 'We're staying here!', demonstrating their desire for democracy in their part of Germany;

Whereas, on November 9, 1989, in response to protests that had grown to include over 1,000,000 people in Berlin's Alexanderplatz, Gunter Schabowski, the communist East German Minister of Propaganda, announced that the border would be opened for 'private trips abroad';

Whereas, thousands of people in East Berlin immediately flooded the checkpoints at the Berlin Wall and demanded entry into West Berlin causing the overwhelmed East German Border Guards to open the border checkpoints to allow people to cross into West Berlin;

Whereas, people in West Berlin enthusiastically greeted those coming across from East Berlin, dancing atop the Berlin Wall and hammering chunks out of it until a section opened through which more East Germans walked and shouted out 'Freedom! Freedom! Just once, Freedom!';

Whereas, over 400,000,000 people were freed from the bondage of communism at the end of the Cold War in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania;

Whereas, the victory of the United States in the Cold War will signify freedom from oppression for decades to come;

Whereas, Berlin, Germany, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with the 'Festival of Freedom'; and

Whereas, the fall of the Berlin Wall was one of the most significant events of the 20th century and symbolized the triumph of democracy over communism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin state legislature recognize November 9th, 2009 as the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall; and be it further

Resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin state legislature celebrate 20 years of freedom from the bondage of communism with the people of the former communist countries, and acknowledge the symbolic triumph of democracy over communism.



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Lbjk

2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

in 10-19

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23 Berlin Wall with the "Festival of Freedom"; and

Duerst, Christina

From: Bott, Eric
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