2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 5


Relating to: commending Reince Priebus on his election as chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Whereas, Reince Priebus was born on March 18, 1972, to Richard and Dimitra Priebus and was raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus’ earliest political aspirations began in third grade at Pleasant Prairie Elementary School where he was the self-appointed manager of Ronald Reagan’s presidential bid; and

Whereas, by age 16 Reince Priebus began volunteering for political campaigns and graduated from George Nelson Tremper High School in 1990; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus obtained a bachelor’s degree in political science and English in 1994 from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where he was student body president; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus worked in the Wisconsin Legislature for a year and then went to law school receiving a law degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1998; and
Whereas, during law school he clerked for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, the
Supreme Court of Wisconsin, the United States District Court Southern District of
Florida and interned for the NAACP legal defense fund. He also served as the copy
editor for *Res Ipsa Loquitur*, the journal of the University of Miami School of Law,
and was a member of the University of Miami Business Law Review; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar in 1998 and joined
the law firm of Michael Best and Friedrich LLP in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus’ first date with the woman who became his wife was
at the Kenosha County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner where representatives
Henry J. Hyde of Illinois and James F. Sensenbrenner Jr. of Wisconsin were
delivering keynote speeches; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus married his wife Sally in 1999 and they currently live
in Kenosha, Wisconsin, with their two children Jack, six, and Grace, almost one; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Business Journal recognized Reince Priebus as one
of Milwaukee’s Forty under 40, class of 2008, and Super Lawyers named him a
“Rising Star”; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus ran an unsuccessful bid for the Wisconsin Senate in
2004 which led him to serving as the treasurer and later being elected chairman of
the Wisconsin Republican Party in 2007; and

Whereas, Reince Priebus became general counsel for the Republican National
Committee Chairman Michael Steele in 2009; and

Whereas, on January 14, 2011, Reince Priebus was elected the 65th chairman
of the Republican National Committee after seven rounds of balloting; now,
therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature commends Reince Priebus on his election as chairman of the Republican National Committee and wishes him success in his new role.

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