



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32

May 13, 2013 - Introduced by Senators S. FITZGERALD, C. LARSON, CARPENTER, LASSA, LASEE, HARSDORF, RISSER, LEHMAN, GUDEx, JAUCH, KEDZIE, L. TAYLOR, HARRIS, MILLER, SCHULTZ and PETROWSKI, cosponsored by Representatives STONE, C. TAYLOR, DANOU, MURPHY, SPIROS, KAHL, RIEMER, HESSELBEIN, MURTHA, JOHNSON, YOUNG, KLEEFISCH, SHANKLAND, BERNARD SCHABER, BIES, MILROY, HINTZ, WEATHERSTON, RINGHAND, PETRYK, BROOKS, BEWLEY, STRACHOTA, WILLIAMS, OHNSTAD, WACHS, JORGENSEN, KOLSTE, KNODL, NYGREN, GOYKE, ZEPNICK, KESSLER, MASON, SINICKI and TRANEL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama upon his visit to
2 Wisconsin on May 14 and 15, 2013.

3 Whereas, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of Tibet; and

4 Whereas, His Holiness was a political leader for his people from 1950 to 2011;

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6 Whereas, since the time of his forced exile in 1959 from Tibet to India, he has
7 devoted himself to the plight of his people and to promoting world peace, winning the
8 respect and affection of world leaders and millions of people throughout the world;

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10 Whereas, His Holiness has made great and immeasurable contributions to
11 democratization and peacebuilding in Tibet, including establishing the Charter of
12 Tibetans in Exile and the Five Point Peace Plan for Tibet; and

13 Whereas, His Holiness speaks of compassion, love, and respect for our fellow
14 man; in His Holiness's words, "When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not

1 only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner
2 happiness and peace.”

3 Whereas, His Holiness has been recognized worldwide as a man of peace, being
4 awarded the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts for a peaceful resolution in Tibet,
5 and over 84 other honors including awards, honorary doctorates, and prizes; and

6 Whereas, His Holiness has traveled far and wide to share his message of peace,
7 including visits to more than 62 countries spanning six continents; and

8 Whereas, His Holiness has visited Wisconsin nine times: in 1989, days after he
9 was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; in 1981, when he performed the Kalachakra
10 (Wheel of Time) Initiation for the first time in the West; in 1979, when Wisconsin was
11 part of His Holiness’s historic first visit to North America; in 1998, to offer teachings
12 as requested by the Deer Park Buddhist Center, to address the official session of the
13 Wisconsin Assembly, and to meet with the members of the Wisconsin Tibetan
14 Association and to recognize their civic contributions; and most recently in 2001,
15 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
17 legislature hereby honors His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama upon his visit to
18 Wisconsin on May 14 and 15, 2013.

19 (END)