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2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

December 20, 2013 – Introduced by Senators Carpenter, Lassa, Lehman, Wirch, T. Cullen and Vinehout, cosponsored by Representatives Mason, Bewley, Wright, Strachota, Kahl, Genrich, Wachs, Kleefisch, Goyke, Hebl, Jacque, Bies, Sinicki and Jorgensen. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to:	commending	Pope	Francis.
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Whereas, Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936,
in Buenos Aires; and

Whereas, Pope Francis, after being elected by the papal conclave on March 13, 2013, as both the first Jesuit and the first Latin American pope, chose for himself the papal name of Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, in order to always be reminded of the poor; and

Whereas, since being elected pope, Francis has set an example by choosing to forego the official papal residence at the Apostolic Palace and instead choosing to live at the Vatican guesthouse, as well as foregoing gold for silver in both his piscatory ring and his pectoral cross; and

Whereas, since being elected pope, Francis has continually brought to the forefront issues that are affecting the poor and disenfranchised of the world; and

Whereas, Pope Francis has set a charitable tone and inclusive example that peoples of all faiths can embrace; and

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Whereas, Pope Francis has been recognized for his positive impact on the world and world issues and has been named *Time* magazine's Person of the Year; and

Whereas, Pope Francis has stated: "No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles. While it is quite true that the essential vocation and mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel, none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the achievements of Pope Francis and thank him for his advocacy for those who are in need or have been marginalized.

13 (END)