



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 2

January 20, 2011 - Introduced by Representatives YOUNG, E. COGGS, KESSLER, TURNER, A. OTT, MOLEPSKE JR, SHILLING, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN and D. CULLEN, cosponsored by Senators S. COGGS, RISSER, HARSDORF, ERPENBACH, WIRCH and T. CULLEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Dismas P. Becker.

2 Whereas, Dismas P. Becker was born on September 16, 1936, and died on
3 September 19, 2010; and

4 Whereas, Dismas Becker began a career of service to his fellow man with his
5 ordination as a Carmelite priest in 1964; and

6 Whereas, Dismas Becker became one of a number of Catholic priests in
7 Milwaukee dedicated to direct action in the causes of civil rights, aid to the poor, and
8 opposing the war in Vietnam; and

9 Whereas, in one of his most notable acts of protest, Dismas Becker was
10 physically beaten in a demonstration that included the seizure of the state assembly
11 chamber in 1969; and

12 Whereas, Dismas Becker totally subscribed to the notion that we have two
13 choices: "win or die!"; and

14 Whereas, his involvement in social issues led Becker to leave the Carmelite
15 order and the priesthood in 1972; and

1 Whereas, he married E. Fay Anderson in 1975; and

2 Whereas, his social activism led him to return to the assembly chamber as an
3 elected member in 1977; and

4 Whereas, during the course of six terms in the assembly, he rose to a position
5 of leadership, serving as majority leader during the 1985 session; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
8 legislature salutes the life and public service of Dismas P. Becker, and mourns his
9 passing; and, be it further

10 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
11 to Dismas Becker's widow, E. Fay Anderson, his son Robert A. Becker, and his
12 stepchildren Penelope Buckingham and Earl, Lorraine, and Elizabeth Anderson.

13 (END)