

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

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2 BY JOHNSON, ANGELO, BEALL, BEHN, BLACK, BOETTGER,  
3 BOLKCOM, BRUNKHORST, CONNOLLY, COURTNEY, DANIELSON,  
4 DEARDEN, DOTZLER, DVORSKY, FRAISE, GASKILL, GRONSTAL,  
5 HAHN, HANCOCK, HATCH, HORN, HOUSER, IVERSON,  
6 KETTERING, KIBBIE, KREIMAN, LAMBERTI, LARSON, LUNDBY,  
7 MCCOY, MCKIBBEN, MCKINLEY, MILLER, MULDER, PUTNEY,  
8 QUIRMBACH, RAGAN, RIELLY, SCHOENJAHN, SENG, SEYMOUR,  
9 SHULL, STEWART, TINSMAN, WARD, WARNSTADT, WIECK, WOOD,  
10 ZAUN, and ZIEMAN

11 A Resolution posthumously honoring His Holiness Pope  
12 John Paul II and commemorating his life's work.

13 WHEREAS, in 1978, the Bishop of Krakow, Poland,  
14 Karol Wojtyla, was elected as Pope of the Roman

15 Catholic Church, taking the name John Paul II; and

16 WHEREAS, the odyssey of his papacy covered more  
17 than 104 overseas trips to over 130 countries,  
18 covering almost 690,000 miles and lasting more than a  
19 quarter of a century, making Pope John Paul II the  
20 widest-traveled Pope in history, and one of the  
21 longest-serving; and

22 WHEREAS, on October 4, 1979, in response to an  
23 invitation from the late Bishop Maurice Dingman and  
24 rural Truro farmer Joe Hays, that odyssey brought him  
25 to Iowa; and

26 WHEREAS, on that date some 380,000 people crowded  
27 into Living History Farms on the outskirts of Des  
28 Moines; and

29 WHEREAS, the Pope then celebrated a two-and-one-  
30 half-hour mass and delivered a homily praising farmers

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1 and telling them, "You who are farmers today are  
2 stewards of a gift from God ... You have the potential  
3 to provide food for the millions who have nothing to  
4 eat and thus to help rid the world of famine"; and

5 WHEREAS, for the next 25 years the Pope continued  
6 his travels, promoting peace and the dignity of human  
7 life and championing the cause of human rights,  
8 particularly the rights of children; and

9 WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II was an ecumenical pope,  
10 reaching out to Protestant and Orthodox denominations;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Pope John Paul II sought to engage in  
13 dialogue with other world faiths, becoming the first  
14 pope to visit a Jewish synagogue since the age of  
15 Peter, and in 2001 becoming the first pope to enter an  
16 Islamic mosque, and later placing a handwritten prayer  
17 in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem; and

18 WHEREAS, after a lifetime of service to humanity  
19 and devotion to God, Pope John Paul II died on  
20 Saturday, April 2, 2005; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
22 honors the memory and lifework of Pope John Paul II  
23 and on behalf of its members expresses heartfelt  
24 condolences on his death.

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