

Senate Resolution 10 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

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1 A Resolution honoring the life and work of Pope
2 Emeritus Benedict XVI.

3 WHEREAS, Benedict XVI is now pope emeritus of the
4 Roman Catholic Church, serving as the 265th pope from
5 2005 to 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger, born in 1927
7 to a pious German family, was ordained as a priest in
8 1951; and

9 WHEREAS, following a distinguished career spanning
10 five decades, rather than taking the comfort of a
11 well-earned retirement, Cardinal Ratzinger was called
12 for higher service when he was elected pontiff of the
13 Roman Catholic Church; and

14 WHEREAS, taking the name Benedict XVI, he became
15 the spiritual leader of the world's 1.2 billion Roman
16 Catholics; and

17 WHEREAS, Pope Benedict XVI during his tenure was
18 a tireless advocate for social justice, speaking for
19 those whose voices would not have been heard otherwise,
20 and a proponent of religious freedom, tolerance, and
21 cooperation, deepening ties with many religions; and

22 WHEREAS, also known as an academic, scholar, and
23 teacher, Pope Benedict XVI is a prolific writer, having
24 written 66 books throughout his life; he also has
25 authored numerous articles and established a journal
26 devoted to theology, and he oversaw the preparation
27 of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church; NOW
28 THEREFORE,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate honors
2 the life and good works of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
3 and wishes him a long and peaceful retirement; and
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the
5 Senate is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution
6 to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.