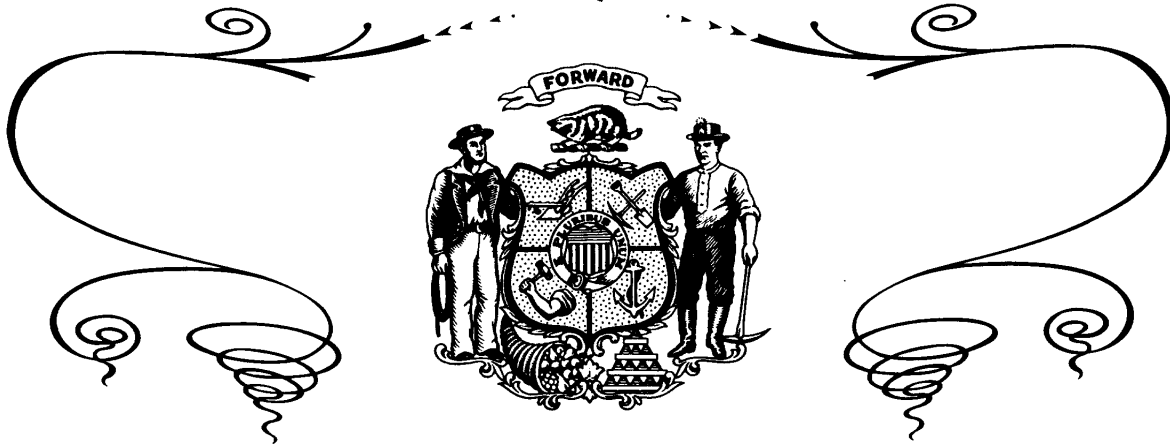


State of Wisconsin



2009 Assembly Joint Resolution 17

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring March 10, 2009, Tibet Day.

Whereas, Tibetans around the world are holding events to commemorate 50 years of exile and celebrate the efforts to preserve and sustain their identity and to thank governments, including the United States for its support during this time; and

Whereas, the United States Congress has enacted legislation declaring Tibet an occupied country whose true representatives are His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government in Exile; and

Whereas, the accumulated grievances of almost 6 decades of cultural, religious, economic, and linguistic repression of the Tibetan people by the government of the People's Republic of China has resulted in resentments that are the root of the Tibetan protests; and

Whereas, the human rights and freedom in Tibet must be the concern of all freedom-loving people who must call on the government of China to end its crackdown on Tibet and enter into a substantive dialogue with His Holiness the Dalai Lama to find a negotiated solution to protect the fundamental freedoms of all Tibetans; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2009, Tibetans will gather in their host countries to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the Chinese occupation of their country and to honor more than one million Tibetans who died in their struggle for the independence of Tibet; and

Whereas, it is fitting on this 50th anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising that we recognize Wisconsin's Tibetan community and its plea for justice; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature proclaim March 10, 2009, “Tibet Day.”

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk