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(Edward Ryan); and

1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 37

March 11, 1997 - Introduced by Representative Plale, cosponsored by Senator Burke. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.
2	Whereas, March 17 is Saint Patrick's Day, a day that memorializes the patron
3	saint of Ireland and that presents an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments
4	of natives of Ireland and of Irish-Americans; and
5	Whereas, Saint Patrick's Day has been celebrated in this country since the 18th
6	century; and
7	Whereas, immigrants from Ireland brought a rich heritage to this state, and by
8	1850 nearly 5,000 lived in Wisconsin; and
9	Whereas, Many of these early Irish immigrants were farmers, fur traders or
10	miners; and
11	Whereas, later in the 19th century the Irish Emigrant Aid Society was formed
12	and it encouraged natives of Ireland to settle in Wisconsin; and
13	Whereas, among the persons of Irish descent who were prominent in this state
14	during the 19th century were 3 members of the first constitutional convention, the

first secretary of state (Thomas McHugh), the first attorney general (Henry Baird)

and one of the more important chief justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court

Whereas, many of the important politicians in Milwaukee during the 1860's were Irish immigrants; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the contributions that persons of Irish descent have made to this state, recognize Saint Patrick's Day and invite all residents of Wisconsin

to celebrate that day.

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