



2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 37

May 3, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives VRAKAS, VUKMIR and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senator KANAVAS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming that the ancient Macedonians were Hellenes and that the
2 inhabitants of the northern province of Greece, Macedonia, are their Hellenic
3 descendants.

4 Whereas, Philip of Macedonia, his son, Alexander the Great, and his son's tutor,
5 the philosopher Aristotle, were born and raised in the northern province of Greece,
6 Macedonia; and

7 Whereas, the language and culture of the ancient Macedonians, the ancestors
8 of the inhabitants of northern Greece of today, were Hellenic; and

9 Whereas, the Macedonians, like the rest of the Hellenes in antiquity, believed
10 in the 12 Gods of Olympus and participated with their fellow Hellenes in the Olympic
11 Games; and

12 Whereas, Pella, the palace where Alexander the Great was born, and Vergina,
13 the burial site of the Macedonian kings, are all located in northern Greece; now,
14 therefore, be it

1 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring That*** the members of the
2 Wisconsin legislature proclaim, for all of the above reasons, that the ancient
3 Macedonians were Hellenes and that the inhabitants of the northern province of
4 Greece, Macedonia, are their Hellenic descendants; and, be it further

5 ***Resolved, That*** the history of ancient Macedonia has been Hellenic for 3,000
6 years and continues to be today; and, be it further

7 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint
8 resolution to Nina Peropoulos, Supreme President, Pan-Macedonian Association,
9 Inc.

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