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## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## 2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 70

October 27, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Kessler, Thiesfeldt, Jorgensen, Kerkman, D. Cullen, Spanbauer, Zepnick, Pridemore, Sinicki, Krug, Turner, Marklein, A. Ott, Hebl, Clark, Seidel, Barca, Molepske Jr, Toles, Vruwink, Hintz, Danou, Hulsey, E. Coggs, Bewley, Zamarripa, C. Taylor, Grigsby, Bernard Schaber, Radcliffe, Staskunas, Berceau, Richards and Milroy, cosponsored by Senators Risser, C. Larson, Hansen and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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| 2  | Whereas, October 6, 2011 is the 328th anniversary of the day that 13 families    |
| 3  | landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after an oversea journey from Krefeld,     |
| 4  | Germany; and   |
| 5  | Whereas, the 13 families, 33 people in all, of Mennonite and Quaker descent,     |
| 6  | under the leadership of legal scholar Franz Daniel Pastorius, founded Germantown |
| 7  | six miles north of Philadelphia; and   |
| 8  | Whereas, Germantown, Pennsylvania, is recognized as the first permanent          |
| 9  | settlement of immigrants from Germany in the original 13 American colonies; and  |
| 10 | Whereas, German immigrants supplied America with a workforce that helped         |
| 11 | shape and embody the American dream; and   |
| 12 | Whereas, according to a study done by the 1979 United States Census Bureau,      |

more Americans trace their lineage back to Germany than to any other nation; and

**Relating to:** recognizing October 6 as German-American Day.

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|  | Whereas,  | in   | 1983,  | President    | Ronald     | Reagan     | proclaimed     | the    | first |  |  |
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| German-American Day for the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the first German |           |      |        |              |            |            |                |        |       |  |  |
| settlers in America; and   |           |      |        |              |            |            |                |        |       |  |  |
|  | Whereas i | n 19 | 87 Con | oress annrov | zed Senate | - Joint Re | solution 108 o | lesion | atino |  |  |

Whereas, in 1987, Congress approved Senate Joint Resolution 108, designating October 6, 1987, as German–American Day, and the joint resolution was signed into law later that year; and

Whereas, in 2009, President Barack Obama proclaimed October 6 as German-American Day to celebrate German Americans for their remarkable role in our nation's development; and

Whereas, German-American Day is a widely renowned holiday often accompanied by Oktoberfests, Steuben Parades, and many other special festivities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That in recognition of the importance of the contribution of German-American citizens to the United States of America, the members of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby proclaim October 6, 2011, to be German-American Day and encourage citizens to learn more about the countless German-American contributions to society and to show their pride in appropriate celebrations.

19 (END)