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2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 56

October 2, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives Kessler, Hesselbein, Sargent, Weininger, Knodl, Ohnstad, Kaufert, Wright, Zamarripa, Murphy, Nass, Pridemore, Ballweg, Mason, Kahl, Thiesfeldt, A. Ott, Vruwink, Bernier and Murtha, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Lehman, Lazich, Risser, Schultz and Grothman. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: recognizing October 6 as German-American Day.
2	Whereas, October 6, 2013, is the 330th anniversary of the day that 13 families
3	landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after an overseas 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 United States Census Bureau in
13	1979, more Americans trace their lineage back to Germany than to any other nation;

pride by appropriate celebrations.

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1	Whereas, in 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first
2	German-American Day for the three hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the
3	first German settlers in America; and
4	Whereas, in 1987, Congress approved Senate Joint Resolution 108, designating
5	October 6, 1987, as German-American Day, and it was signed into law later that
6	year; and
7	Whereas, in 2009, President Barack Obama proclaimed October 6 as
8	German-American Day to celebrate German-Americans for their remarkable role
9	in our nation's development; and
10	Whereas, German-American Day is a widely renowned holiday often
11	accompanied by Oktoberfests, Steuben Parades, and many other special festivities;
12	now, therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That in recognition of
14	the importance of the contribution of German-American citizens to the United
15	States of America, the members of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby proclaim
16	October 6, 2013, to be German-American Day and encourage citizens to learn more

about the countless German-American contributions to society and to show their

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