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2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 50

June 29, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives Kessler, Spreitzer, Murphy, C. Taylor, Subeck, Ohnstad, Sinicki, Brostoff and Wachs. Referred to Committee on Rules.

2	Whereas, the Austrian-American Council of the United States celebrated the
3	first official Austrian-American Day on September 26, 1997; and
4	Whereas, on September 26, 1945, a conference was convened in Vienna between
5	the Allies and the representatives of the nine Austrian Federal States, during which,
6	under difficult circumstances, a treaty was worked out; and
7	Whereas, this treaty saved Austria from the fate of other Soviet-occupied
8	European territories, namely, being divided between East and West; and
9	Whereas, the conference laid the foundation for the recognition by the United
10	States and the Allied Forces of the first provisional Austrian postwar government;
11	and
12	Whereas, this year will commemorate the 68th anniversary of the foresighted,
13	compassionate, and conciliatory speech that General George Marshall gave at
14	Harvard in 1947; and

Relating to: proclaiming Austrian-American Day.

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Whereas, General Marshall initiated history's most generous aid program under the European Recovery Plan, which history today remembers simply as "The Marshall Plan"; and

Whereas, Austrians have never forgotten the generosity of the American people, their postwar reconstruction aid, the care packages, and the sincere feeling of friendship that developed, nurtured by shared interests and concerns; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature proclaims September 26, 2015, Austrian-American Day and commends this observance to the citizens of the state.

11 (END)