



## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1     **Relating to:** commending Pope Francis.

2             Whereas, Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936,  
3     in Buenos Aires; and

4             Whereas, Pope Francis, after being elected by the papal conclave on March 13,  
5     2013, as both the first Jesuit and the first Latin American pope, chose for himself the  
6     papal name of Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, in order to always be reminded of  
7     the poor; and

8             Whereas, since being elected pope, Francis has set an example by choosing to  
9     forego the official papal residence at the Apostolic Palace and instead choosing to live  
10    at the Vatican guesthouse, as well as forgoing gold for silver in both his piscatory ring  
11    and his pectoral cross; and

12            Whereas, since being elected pope, Francis has continually brought to the  
13    forefront issues that are affecting the poor and disenfranchised of the world; and

14            Whereas, Pope Francis has set a charitable tone and inclusive example that  
15    peoples of all faiths can embrace; and

