



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

