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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the now-former
3 Cardinal-Archbishop of Buenos Aires, was elected by his
4 colleagues on March 13, 2013, to serve as Pope, Bishop of Rome,
5 head of the See of St. Peter, and leader of the worldwide
6 Catholic Church; and

7 WHEREAS, The new pope has taken the name of Francis, in
8 honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, and will be known as "Pope
9 Francis"; and

10 WHEREAS, Pope Francis was born on December 17, 1936, in his
11 home city of Buenos Aires; he was ordained on December 13,
12 1969, consecrated as the auxiliary bishop of his native city on
13 June 27, 1992, and become archbishop upon the death of his
14 predecessor on February 28, 1998; and

15 WHEREAS, The elevation of Jorge, Cardinal Bergoglio, to the
16 papacy under the name of Pope Francis is a powerful signal of
17 the growing role of men and women of Spanish-speaking heritage,
18 both in the western hemisphere and around the world; and

19 WHEREAS, The election of a new pope is announced with a
20 plume of white smoke from the sanctuary of the
21 Cardinal-electors, followed by the presentation of the new pope

1 to the people gathered in St. Peter's Square; the March 13,
2 2013, news of Pope Francis' election was transmitted
3 electronically throughout the world and followed with genuine
4 interest and excitement by hundreds of millions of men, women,
5 and children worldwide, and was verbally announced to the
6 Illinois House of Representatives immediately; and

7 WHEREAS, Pope Francis, as head of the worldwide Catholic
8 Church, is the head of Vatican City, the Holy See, a sovereign
9 nation possessing diplomatic relations with the United States
10 of America and many other nations; and

11 WHEREAS, It is triply appropriate for the Illinois House of
12 Representatives to offer its congratulations and good wishes to
13 Pope Francis as the head of Vatican City, the Holy See, a
14 sovereign nation that enjoys friendly diplomatic relations
15 with the United States, as the first head of the worldwide
16 Catholic Church who was born in and served in the western
17 hemisphere, and as a member of the global Spanish-speaking
18 community; and

19 WHEREAS, We congratulate Pope Francis on his elevation to
20 the See of St. Peter, sovereign of the Holy See, and leader of
21 the worldwide Catholic Church; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we wish Pope Francis a successful papacy as he embarks upon his
3 tremendous responsibilities; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 transmitted to His Holiness, Pope Francis; to the Apostolic
6 Nuncio of the Holy See to the United States of America, the
7 Most Reverend Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò; to the Most
8 Reverend Archbishop of the Archdiocese and Ecclesiastical
9 Province of Chicago, His Eminence Francis, Cardinal George; and
10 to the Most Reverend Bishops of the Dioceses of Belleville,
11 Joliet, Peoria, Rockford, and Springfield.