

State of Misconsin 2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

## **2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 30**

March 31, 2021 – Introduced by Representatives Skowronski, Horlacher, Sinicki, VRUWINK and Wichgers, cosponsored by Senators Feyen, Bewley and WANGGAARD. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: honoring Wisconsinites who fought in the Polish January Insurrection
2	of 1863.
3	Whereas, over 150 years ago, while the United States was fighting its Civil War,
4	Poles who had lost their independence attempted to regain it by rising up against the
5	Russians occupying their lands; and
6	Whereas, beginning in 1863 and holding out for nearly a year and a half, the
7	participants of what historians refer to as the "January Insurrection" nobly fought
8	to restore their country's liberty; and
9	Whereas, the January Insurrection fell under the overwhelming force of the
10	Russian Army, but the Poles' noble efforts would lead to Poland regaining its
11	sovereignty a half-century later in 1918; and
12	Whereas, those who fought in the January Insurrection were forced to flee the
13	Russian Empire, and a significant number of these exiles found asylum here in the
14	United States; and

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1	Whereas, these refugees created a new life in service of their adopted homeland,
2	a righteous tradition going back to when heroes such as Tadeusz Kosciuszko and
3	Kazimierz Pulaski fought in the American War for Independence; and
4	Whereas, the great state of Wisconsin was one of the places where the
5	participants of the January Insurrection settled; and
6	Whereas, these Polish settlers became an integral part of the social fabric of
7	Wisconsin, contributing greatly to its economic development; and
8	Whereas, in 2018, members of the Polish government visited Wisconsin and a
9	partnership between Wisconsin and Poland was formed; consisting of members of
10	the Wisconsin Legislature, the former governor of the Lublin Voivodeship, and
11	various businesses owners; and
12	Whereas, since the beginning of the partnership, members from both regions
13	have worked together to create a medical cooperation here in Wisconsin, as well as
14	new educational partnerships that will keep the history of Poland and Wisconsin
15	alive; now, therefore, be it
16	<b>Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That</b> the members of the
17	Wisconsin Legislature join in honoring the memory of Wisconsinites who fought in
18	the Polish January Insurrection of 1863.
19	(END)