

2011 Assembly Joint Resolution 47

## **ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION**

Relating to: commemorating the 100th anniversary of the construction of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin.

Whereas, Wisconsin native and Spring Green resident Frank Lloyd Wright was an iconic American architect who designed some of the world's most beautiful and innovative buildings; and

Whereas, Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Richland Center, worked in Madison, and eventually settled in Spring Green, where he built his world–renowned residence, Taliesin; and

Whereas, Wright chose the name "Taliesin," which is Welsh for "shining brow," because Taliesin is positioned on the brow of the hill, rather than on the peak, so that the home would appear as though it arose naturally from the landscape; and

Whereas, Taliesin has been called the "greatest domestic space in America," spanning over approximately 112,000 square feet in six original buildings in Spring Green, Wisconsin; and

Whereas, in building Taliesin, Wright explored organic architecture by using natural materials such as local limestone and sand from the nearby Wisconsin River to build the chimneys and stone piers; and

Whereas, Taliesin was built in 1911 and was the personal residence of Frank Lloyd Wright from 1911 to 1959 and will celebrate its 100th year of existence in 2011; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the Wisconsin legislature commemorates the 100th anniversary of Taliesin and honors its architect and owner Frank Lloyd Wright; and, be it further

*Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to Taliesin Preservation, Inc.

Senator Michael G. Ellis President of the Senate Representative Jeff Fitzgerald Speaker of the Assembly