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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of a "European Franciscan
Library" to commemorate the 8th centenary of the
birth of St Francis of Assisi

The European Parliament,

- whereas 1982 is the 8th centenary of the birth of St Francis of Assisi,
 - having regard to the high cultural and human values which the Franciscan movement has always represented since its foundation,
 - whereas the movement stood not only for the practice of Christian principles which contrasted with the medieval structure of society at that time, but also for a new conception of man, nature and forms of knowledge which is still valid to-day,
 - whereas the research carried out by the Franciscan movement ranges from philosophy to law, from literature to art and from politics to social action,
1. Decides, on the occasion of the 8th centenary of the birth of St Francis, to contribute to the establishment of an "European Franciscan Library", bringing together the works in all languages published over the centuries on the many and varied subjects with which the Franciscan movement has concerned itself;
 2. Considers that this library should be established in one of the historical buildings associated with St Francis, still standing in Assisi, even if restoration work is necessary - though any such adaption should not alter its historical and architectural characteristics;
 3. Proposes that this library operate under the name of the "Historical Centre" for European Franciscan Studies and would have an appropriate statute and regulations linking it to the Historical Institutes of the European Universities;
 4. Calls on its appropriate committee to examine the question in close consultation with the Italian Minister for Culture and the region of Umbria;
 5. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.