

1999 Assembly Joint Resolution 56

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the life and public service of Robert E. Behnke.

Whereas, Robert E. Behnke was born in Milwaukee on April 7, 1932, and died in Milwaukee on March 26, 1999; and

Whereas, he served in the Wisconsin assembly from 1973 to 1983; and

Whereas, his priorities in the legislature reflected his background with the United Steelworkers Union at Continental Can Company; and

Whereas, he served as chairperson of the Small Business Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Labor Committee; and

Whereas, he was a member of the Elks and the Tripoli Temple; and

Whereas, his association with the Clown Unit of the Tripoli Shrine led to the creation of his alter ego "Shakey" who delighted many children; and

Whereas, Robert Behnke is fondly remembered by his former colleagues and friends in the legislature; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service Robert Behnke gave to this state, express their sorrow at his death and extend condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk provide copies of this joint resolution to Robert Behnke's wife, Dolores, and his children, Debra, Robert, Scott, David and Karen.

Senator Fred A. Risser President of the Senate Representative Scott R. Jensen Speaker of the Assembly