

## **1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44**

May 23, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Boyle, Urban, Hanson, Musser, Huebsch, Gronemus, Johnsrud, Schneiders, Dobyns, Hahn, Grothman, Seratti, Wirch and Kreuser, cosponsored by Senators Jauch, Clausing, Burke, Rude, Plewa, Cowles, Moen, Andrea and Breske. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	<b>Relating to:</b> requesting the U.S.	Postal Service	to issue a stamp	commemorating
2	Richard Bong.			

Whereas, Richard Bong was one of the most illustrious residents of northern
Wisconsin, having been born in Superior and educated in Poplar and Superior; and
Whereas, Richard Bong was a leading American hero during World War II; and
Whereas, he demonstrated his military skill and courage by shooting down 40
enemy planes in combat in the Pacific theater of operations; and

8 Whereas, he demonstrated even greater valor and dedication by volunteering 9 for combat while assigned to duty as an instructor, during that time destroying 12 10 of his total of 40 enemy planes; and

Whereas, for his intrepid exploits Major Bong received 26 decorations,
including the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the
Silver Star with clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with clusters, the Air
Medal with clusters and the Australian Flying Cross; and

15 Whereas, he died tragically during 1945 in a crash of a new aircraft he was16 testing; and

1	Whereas, Richard Bong's service to his country deserves to be remembered and
2	permanently memorialized; now, therefore, be it
3	Resolved by the assembly, the Senate concurring, That the members of the
4	Wisconsin legislature request the U.S. Postal Service to issue a stamp
5	commemorating Richard Bong; and, be it further
6	<b>Resolved, That</b> the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
7	resolution to the Postmaster General.
8	(END)