

State of Misconsin 1997 - 1998 LEGISLATURE

1997 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 24

May 7, 1998 - Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, SPILLNER and GRONEMUS.

1	Relating to: the life and times of Chief Benjamin Winneshiek of the Ho-Chunk
2	Nation.
3	Whereas, Benjamin W. Winneshiek was born in Dells Dam, Clark County,
4	Wisconsin, on February 22, 1917, and died on May 6, 1998; and
5	Whereas, he proudly served as the traditional Tribal Chief of the Ho-Chunk
6	Nation and made his home on the Indian Mission in Black River Falls, Wisconsin;
7	and
8	Whereas, he attended the Neilsville Indian School and throughout his life
9	worked with our natural resources in harvesting Christmas trees, sphagnum moss,
10	cranberries and pulpwood; and
11	Whereas, he served his country in the United States Army from 1940 to 1945
12	and participated in the New Guinea campaign and in the Papua, Leyte and Luzon
13	campaigns in the Philippines; and

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Whereas, he was the last tribal survivor of the Wisconsin 32nd Red Arrow
 Division and was awarded the Bronze Star for his bravery and actions during World
 War II; now, therefore, be it

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4 Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the Wisconsin assembly
5 recognize the years of service of Chief Benjamin Winneshiek and note their
6 appreciation for the contributions that he made to his people in the Ho-Chunk
7 Nation, express their sorrow at his death and extend their condolences to his family
8 and friends; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
to his daughters; Paula, Annie, Sadie and Rachael Winneshiek and Eunice Wamego;
and to his sons; Clayton Winneshiek and Howard Swallow.

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