

## **1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 38**

March 23, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives PLALE and SUDER, cosponsored by Senator ZIEN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Francis Conway.
2	Whereas, Francis Conway was born on March 5, 1902, to Michael and
3	Catherine Conway in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin, and died March 3, 1999, in Stanley,
4	Wisconsin; and
5	Whereas, Mr. Conway graduated from Mauston High School, was assistant
6	cashier at Lyndon State Bank, and was a state bank examiner; and
7	Whereas, in the 1920s, Mr. Conway was instrumental in creating Thorp
8	Finance Corporation, which started with an investment of \$5,000, and eventually
9	grew into a multimillion dollar company and one of the largest consumer loan firms
10	in the Midwest; and
11	Whereas, as chairman of Thorp Finance Corporation, Mr. Conway kept the
12	company headquarters in Thorp until he retired in 1969, when the firm had 137 loan
13	offices in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri; and
14	Whereas, Mr. Conway served on the Consumer Credit Review Board, the
15	Banking Review Board, the Marquette University Board, as a delegate to

1	Democratic national conventions from the time of President Franklin Roosevelt
2	through the presidency of Lyndon Johnson; and
3	Whereas, Mr. Conway was past president of the American Finance Conference
4	and the American Industrial Bankers Association, and was chosen as Irishman of
5	the year by the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin; and
6	Whereas, Mr. Conway and his wife, Philomene, were active in the local
7	community and donated a library building and a park to Thorp; now, therefore, be
8	it
9	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
10	Wisconsin legislature commend Mr. Francis Conway's many years of devoted public
11	service, express their sorrow at his death and extend their condolences to his family
12	and friends; and, be it further
13	<b>Resolved, That</b> the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
$\frac{13}{14}$	<b>Resolved, That</b> the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Mr. Conway's wife, Philomene; to his children, Mary Elizabeth "Mitzi",