



1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 56

May 24, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives LA FAVE, SCHNEIDER, SHERMAN, WALKER, J. LEHMAN, RYBA, HASENOHRL, MILLER, PLOUFF, ALBERS, GOETSCH and HAHN, cosponsored by Senator ROBSON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service Robert Behnke gave to

1 this state, express their sorrow at his death and extend condolences to his family and
2 friends; and, be it further

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

6 (END)