

1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7

May 19, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Miller, Berceau, Pocan, Travis, Coggs, Morris-Tatum, Young, Riley, Turner, Colon, Hebl, Black, Boyle, Sherman, Plouff, Porter, La Fave and Walker. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Betty Franklin–Hammonds.
2	Whereas, Betty Franklin-Hammonds was born on December 23, 1942, in
3	Tampa, Florida, and died unexpectedly on April 28, 1999, in Madison; and
4	Whereas, Ms. Franklin–Hammonds began her undergraduate college career at
5	Dillard University in New Orleans, received her bachelor's degree from Florida A &
6	M and her master's degree in Sociology from Florida State University;
7	Whereas, Ms. Franklin-Hammonds served in various leadership positions for
8	the NAACP-Madison branch, including president, treasurer, secretary and
9	education committee chair; and
10	Whereas, Ms. Franklin-Hammonds served the greater Madison community on
11	the Police Advisory Committee, on Madison Metropolitan School District
12	committees, on the board of the National Association of Social Workers, on the board
13	for the United Way of Dane County, as secretary of the Dane County Parent Council,

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1	Whereas, Ms. Franklin–Hammonds, from 1984–1992, served as the executive
2	director and later as president and CEO of the Madison Urban League; and
3	Whereas, Ms. Franklin-Hammonds, as editor-in-chief and publisher of The
4	Madison Times Weekly Newspaper since 1991, elevated that paper to national
5	prominence as a newspaper serving minority populations; and
6	Whereas, Ms. Franklin–Hammonds tirelessly advocated for quality education
7	for all children and particularly for children of color; and
8	Whereas, Ms. Franklin–Hammonds was respected and admired by countless
9	friends, coworkers and acquaintances and by persons who knew her only by her good
10	works; and
11	Whereas, Ms. Franklin–Hammonds will be remembered not only as a powerful,
12	soft-spoken civil rights activist, but also as a mother, wife, sister, humanitarian, and
13	an inspiration to all who knew her; now, therefore, be it
14	Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the assembly of the state of
15	Wisconsin honor and commend Betty Franklin-Hammonds's years of dedicated
16	public service and extend their condolences to her family and friends; and, be it
17	further
18	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
19	to the family members of Betty Franklin–Hammonds.
20	(END)