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2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 86

October 23, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Mason, Barca, Turner, Steinbrink, Kerkman, Berceau, Molepske Jr., Zigmunt, Pasch and Pocan, cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Wirch, Taylor and Coggs. Referred to Committee on Rules.

2 Whereas, Rudy John Kuzel passed away on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at the 3 age of 73; and Whereas, Rudy Kuzel was born in Milwaukee in 1935 and graduated from St. 4 5 Catherine's High School in Racine in 1954; and 6 Whereas, Rudy Kuzel worked at American Motors Corporation and then 7 Chrysler Automotive in Kenosha for 38 years; and 8 Whereas, Rudy Kuzel served the United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 72 in many capacities, including as steward, chief steward, trustee, and board member at large; 9 10 and 11 Whereas, Rudy Kuzel served also as president-shop chairman of the United 12 Auto Workers Local 72 from 1984 to 1996 and led Local 72 through many difficult times, including the shutdown of the auto assembly operations in Kenosha in 1988; 13 14 and

Relating to: the life and public service of Rudy John Kuzel.

1	Whereas, Rudy Kuzel led the UAW's efforts to fight the plant closing and
2	convinced Chrysler to provide extended supplemental benefits for workers and
3	establish a trust fund for the education expenses of workers' children; and
4	Whereas, Rudy Kuzel was one of the strongest leaders who was instrumental
5	in the successful effort to secure Chrysler's new engine plant in Kenosha in the early
6	1990s; and
7	Whereas, Rudy Kuzel was a skilled, tough, and passionate negotiator who
8	always looked out for the best interests of the membership; and
9	Whereas, Rudy Kuzel was proud to have negotiated in 1980 the first joint
10	Alcohol and Drug Program in the UAW Local 72 to help members with addiction
11	problems; and
12	Whereas, Rudy Kuzel was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Racine
13	Raiders; and
14	Whereas, Rudy Kuzel, until the end of his life, continued to advocate for
15	legislative changes to address alcoholism and drunk driving and other protections
16	for working people; and
17	Whereas, Rudy Kuzel was a much loved husband to Connie, and he treasured
18	his family, including his children Collen, Kraig, and Brian, grandchildren Matt,
19	Nick, and Ryan, and sister Judy; now, therefore, be it
20	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
21	Wisconsin legislature commemorate the life, public service, and deep commitment
22	to the Wisconsin labor movement of Rudy John Kuzel and mourn his passing.
23	(END)