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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 14

March 8, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives Spreitzer, Loudenbeck, Bowen, Conley, Drake, Emerson, Hesselbein, Hintz, S. Rodriguez, Shelton, Skowronski, Subeck, Tauchen and Vruwink, cosponsored by Senators Ringhand, Nass, Carpenter, Cowles and Felzkowski. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: commending the life and art of O.V. "Verne" Shaffer.
2	Whereas, Owen Verne Shaffer was born in 1928 in Princeton, Illinois, and
3	passed away on February 16, 2021; and
4	Whereas, Shaffer was a prolific and renowned artist with long-standing ties to
5	southern Wisconsin as both an artist and an educator; and
6	Whereas, Shaffer graduated from Beloit College in 1950, and returned in 1955
7	as both an art instructor and the first full-time Director of the Wright Museum of
8	Art at the college; and
9	Whereas, Shaffer spent many years making his sculptural pieces in a studio in
10	rural Clinton, including the eight-ton "Celebration" sculpture that stands at
11	Riverside Park in Beloit; and
12	Whereas, Shaffer has an estimated 1,200 pieces to his credit, including
13	sculptural works in welded and cast metal, concrete, and wood; and

Whereas, Shaffer's art can be found in the collections of museums, corporations,

private homes, communities, and parks throughout the U.S. and the world; and

1	Whereas, more than 25 pieces of Shaffer's outdoor sculpture can be found
2	displayed in Beloit; and
3	Whereas, Shaffer was recognized as having more public art on display than any
4	other artist in Wisconsin; and
5	Whereas, Shaffer received the Governor's Award in the Arts in 1970; and
6	Whereas, Shaffer's life and work were celebrated in 2015 with events and a road
7	trip to visit some of his notable pieces on display around the state; and
8	Whereas, Shaffer's work as an educator and a sculptor will continue to inspire
9	Wisconsinites for years to come; now, therefore, be it
10	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
11	Wisconsin Legislature recognize and commend the life and art of O.V. "Verne"
12	Shaffer.
13	(END)