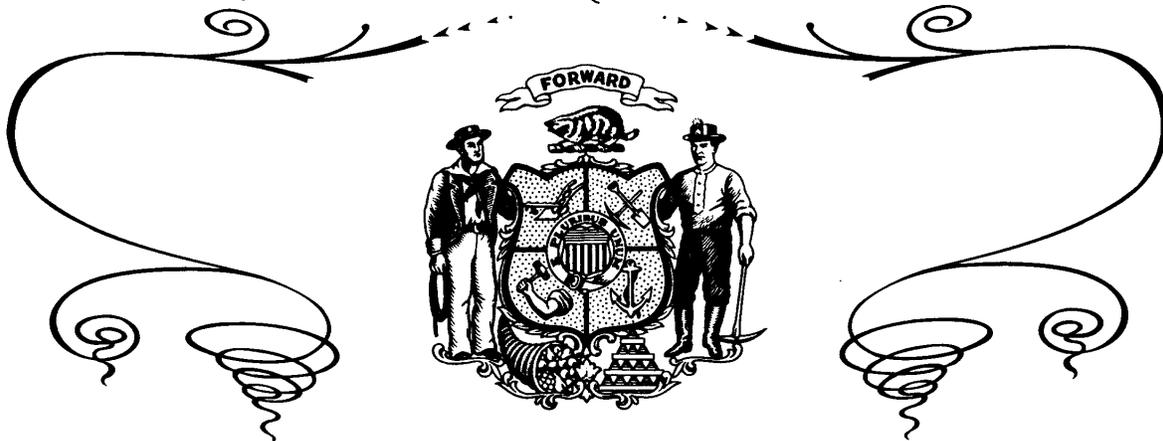


# State of Wisconsin



1997 Assembly Joint Resolution 114

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** the life and public service of Bernard Mathiowetz.

Whereas, Bernard Mathiowetz was born on February 11, 1902, in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, and died on January 17, 1997, in Milwaukee; and

Whereas, because his family refused to allow him to attend high school, he left home and began supporting himself; and

Whereas, after he had saved enough money he began attending Ashland High School while working for the Soo Line Railroad; and

Whereas, he later attended Northland College; and

Whereas, when he was a junior at Northland College he was elected to the assembly, becoming the youngest member of the 1925 legislature; and

Whereas, during his term in the legislature he was a staunch supporter of labor and because of his speaking skills a newspaper called him "the boy orator"; and

Whereas, because he lacked money to return to his district to campaign, he was defeated for reelection; and

Whereas, after his term in the assembly he completed a law degree at the University of Wisconsin and then became a successful attorney in Milwaukee, specializing in probate law; and

Whereas, Mr. Mathiowetz's life resembles a Horatio Alger story because of his determination and his rise, by hard work, from humble beginnings to success; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the members of the Wisconsin legislature salute the public service and the amazing life of Bernard Mathiowetz, express their sorrow at his death and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to Sheila Kirscher, Mr. Mathiowetz's niece.

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Senator Fred Risser  
President of the Senate

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Representative Scott R. Jensen  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Charles R. Sanders  
Assembly Chief Clerk