



1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 16

January 28, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives KELSO, RYBA and GREEN,
cosponsored by Senator DRZEWIECKI. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the Green Bay Packers' organization, team and fans for
2 their accomplishments during the past season, playoffs and Super Bowl.

3 Whereas, the Green Bay Packers are the Super Bowl Champions; and

4 Whereas, Packer backers from Wisconsin and across the globe are recognized
5 as the greatest fans in the world; and

6 Whereas, Bob Harlan is the dignified and esteemed president of the most
7 unusual franchise in all of professional sports; and

8 Whereas, Ron Wolfe, as general manager of the Packers, has skillfully
9 assembled a team of talented players and upstanding citizens; and

10 Whereas, Coach Mike Holmgren and his expert assistant coaches used their
11 exceptional knowledge and guidance to set an example of professionalism that is
12 accentuated by their players on and off the playing field; and

13 Whereas, Brett Favre was named the National Football League's Most
14 Valuable Player for the 2nd consecutive year and led the most prolific offense in the
15 NFL this season; and

1 Whereas, Reggie White, the spiritual and emotional leader of the team, fostered
2 a faith and attitude that helped the defense become the number one rated unit in the
3 league; and

4 Whereas, every Packer player on offense, defense and special teams
5 contributed to the crusade that began with a belief that the team was destined to
6 become world champions; and

7 Whereas, Desmond Howard led the Packers' special teams and was named the
8 Super Bowl's Most Valuable Player; and

9 Whereas, the team finished the regular season with a 13-3 record, the best
10 record in the National Football Conference and won the most games in franchise
11 history; and

12 Whereas, at legendary Lambeau Field, the Packers were undefeated while
13 playing in front of their loyal fans, who are known and respected as the most faithful
14 in all of professional sports; and

15 Whereas, the Packers won the Central Division in impressive fashion and were
16 crowned champions of the National Football Conference; and

17 Whereas, as Super Bowl Champions, the Packers deserve respect for their
18 athletic achievements and accolades for the personal character they demonstrated
19 while pursuing their goal; and

20 Whereas, the players' chemistry with each other, the coaches, the
21 administration and the fans is a reflection of the statewide community spirit that
22 every sports franchise hopes to attain; and

23 Whereas, the past season's accomplishments will strengthen the team's resolve
24 to maintain the Packers' reputation as being the most successful and respected
25 organization in the National Football League; now, therefore, be it

