

## 1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 6

January 26, 1999 – Introduced by Representative WIECKERT. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** commending Mel Knoke as the first Green Bay Packer fan ever  
2             inducted into the Green Bay Packer Fan Hall of Fame.

3             Whereas, Mel Knoke has cheered for the Green Bay Packer Football Team at  
4     450 home games throughout his entire 91 years of life; and

5             Whereas, Mel Knoke, through his hard work as a distinguished businessman  
6     of the City of Appleton running Knoke’s Lumber Yard and as a prominent member  
7     of the Appleton Rotary Club, has contributed much to his community; and

8             Whereas, Mel Knoke and his late wife, Leona, have attended home games in  
9     Green Bay since 1927 and would religiously go together to cheer for “America’s  
10    Team”; and

11            Whereas, Mel Knoke has introduced over 275 fans to Green Bay Packer football  
12    games throughout the autumns of the National Football League seasons; and

13            Whereas, Mel Knoke has had the honor and pleasure of witnessing three Super  
14    Bowl Titles and nine World Championships for his beloved Green Bay Packers; and

1           Whereas, Mel Knoke has attended 71 years of harsh and cold games in the  
2 frozen tundra of City Stadium and Lambeau Field; and

3           Whereas, Mel Knoke has had the pleasure of starring in a National Football  
4 League commercial showing his loyalty to America's Pack, stating "My Name is Mel  
5 Knoke, and I feel the Power!"; and

6           Whereas, Mel Knoke went to see his first Green Bay Packer home game, in 1927  
7 at the City Stadium, coached by Earl "Curly" Lambeau; and has seen ten other  
8 coaches on the sideline in Green Bay, namely Gene Rozani, Lisle Blackbourn, Ray  
9 "Scooter" McLean, Vince Lombardi, Phil Bengston, Dan Devine, Bart Starr, Forrest  
10 Gregg, Lindy Infante and Mike Holmgren; and

11           Whereas, Mel Knoke will be enshrined in the same building with some of  
12 Wisconsin's and America's heroes, such as Ray Nitschke, Bart Starr, Don Hutson,  
13 Jerry Kramer and Vince Lombardi; and

14           Whereas, Mel Knoke will be always remembered and beloved as the greatest  
15 fan of the greatest football team of the greatest city in the greatest state; now,  
16 therefore, be it

17           ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin assembly commends Mel  
18 Knoke as the first Green Bay Packer fan ever inducted into the Green Bay Packer  
19 Fan Hall of Fame; and, be it further

20           ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin assembly proclaims January 31, 1999, (Super  
21 Bowl Sunday) "Mel Knoke Day" throughout the state of Wisconsin in honor of this  
22 great green and gold fan; and, be it further

23           ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution  
24 to Mel Knoke and his family.

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