

1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 8

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Francis Conway.

2 Whereas, Francis Conway was born on March 5, 1902, to Michael and
3 Catherine Conway in Lyndon Station, Wisconsin, and died March 3, 1999, in Stanley,
4 Wisconsin; and

5 Whereas, Mr. Conway graduated from Mauston High School, was assistant
6 cashier at Lyndon State Bank, and was a state bank examiner; and

7 Whereas, in the 1920s, Mr. Conway was instrumental in creating Thorp
8 Finance Corporation, which started with an investment of \$5,000, and eventually
9 grew into a multimillion dollar company and one of the largest consumer loan firms
10 in the Midwest; and

11 Whereas, as chairman of Thorp Finance Corporation, Mr. Conway kept the
12 company headquarters in Thorp until he retired in 1969, when the firm had 137 loan
13 offices in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri; and

14 Whereas, Mr. Conway served on the Consumer Credit Review Board, the
15 Banking Review Board, the Marquette University Board, as a delegate to

