

## 1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 16

1       **Relating to:** the life and public service of Wilbur Renk.

2               Whereas, Wilbur Renk fell ill at his family’s 100-year-old farmhouse and died  
3 on September 4, 1999, in Madison, Wisconsin; and

4               Whereas, Mr. Renk was a lifelong resident of Sun Prairie and a graduate of the  
5 University of Wisconsin; and

6               Whereas, Mr. Renk spent his entire life serving the people of Wisconsin in  
7 various ways, including serving as president of the University of Wisconsin Board  
8 of Regents from 1958–59; and

9               Whereas, together with his father and brother, Mr. Renk started a hybrid seed  
10 business that helped farmers across rural Wisconsin produce the finest quality crops  
11 that are the symbol of America’s Dairyland; and

12               Whereas, this seed company is famous to this day, as farmers across the world  
13 proudly display its famous sign, a yellow “R” coming out of a red background with the  
14 name Renk below it; and

