

## 1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 27

1     **Relating to:** the life and contributions of Frank “Pee Wee” King.

2             Whereas, Julius Frank Anthony Kuczynski was born February 18, 1914, in  
3     Milwaukee, Wisconsin; raised in Abrams, Wisconsin; and died March 7, 2000, in  
4     Louisville, Kentucky; and

5             Whereas, Mr. Kuczynski, proficient on the accordion, eventually became Frank  
6     “Pee Wee” King, and was hired in 1932 to play for Gene Autry’s Range Riders on  
7     Chicago’s National Barn Dance; and

8             Whereas, Frank “Pee Wee” King formed the Golden West Cowboys, and brought  
9     his show band to Nashville’s Grand Ole Opry from 1937 until 1947; and

10            Whereas, King and fellow band member, Redd Stewart, wrote “Tennessee  
11     Waltz”, which became a major hit for them in 1948 and again in 1951; and wrote with  
12     Chilton Price, “Slow Poke”, which topped both country and pop charts in 1951; and

13            Whereas, King moved the Golden West Cowboys to Louisville in 1947 to do  
14     television and recording work, which led to the band’s pioneering music style being  
15     heard in big ballrooms outside the South and Southwest; and

