

1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 27

March 16, 2000 – Introduced by Representative AINSWORTH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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 Grande 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

