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

1	Whereas, from 1950, King wrote a monthly column in Country Song Roundup
2	to assist in his promotion of country music; and
3	Whereas, King was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1974; now,
4	therefore, be it
5	Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the assembly of the state of
6	Wisconsin honor and commend Frank "Pee Wee" King's accomplishments and
7	contributions to country and western music; and, be it further
8	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this resolution
9	to the family members of Frank "Pee Wee" King.
10	(END)