

2001 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 4

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Coach Al McGuire.

2 Whereas, after a courageous bout with illness, legendary college basketball
3 coach and announcer Alfred Emanuel McGuire passed away on Friday, January 26,
4 2001, at age 72; and

5 Whereas, Al McGuire played college basketball at St. John's University in New
6 York and 3 seasons of professional basketball with the New York Knicks; and

7 Whereas, Al McGuire began his head coaching career at Belmont Abbey, North
8 Carolina, in 1958 and then came to Marquette University in 1965; and

9 Whereas, during his tenure at Marquette University, Al McGuire made the
10 Marquette Warriors a national power in college basketball, compiling an astounding
11 record of 295-80 with an equally impressive record of having 92% of his players
12 graduate; and

13 Whereas, Al McGuire led Marquette to 11 postseason appearances during his
14 tenure, including the NIT finals in 1967, the NIT championship in 1970, and the
15 NCAA finals in 1974; and

1 Whereas, in 1977, in his final season as coach, Al McGuire led the Marquette
2 Warriors on an improbable run to the NCAA National Championship; and

3 Whereas, in the final seconds of the championship game, Al McGuire left the
4 nation with one of the most memorable moments in sports history as he wept in joy
5 on the bench while his team celebrated its championship; and

6 Whereas, Al McGuire left the coaching ranks to begin a 22-year career
7 broadcasting college basketball for NBC, CBS, and Marquette University, which
8 ended in March 2000 with his final game at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wisconsin;
9 and

10 Whereas, in 1992, Al McGuire was inducted into the James Naismith Memorial
11 Basketball Hall of Fame joining his brother Dick McGuire to become the only
12 brothers inducted; and

13 Whereas, after leaving coaching, Al McGuire founded Al's Run in Milwaukee,
14 Wisconsin, which has raised over \$4 million for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin;
15 and

16 Whereas, Al McGuire served as the chairman of the board of the President's
17 Council on Physical Fitness; and

18 Whereas, in October 2000, Marquette University announced that its new
19 basketball practice facility would be named in honor of Al McGuire; and

20 Whereas, Al McGuire is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia, his sons Allie
21 and Robert, daughter Noreen, and 6 grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

22 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin assembly hereby honors the
23 life and career of Coach Al McGuire and mourns his passing. May his memory live
24 forever in our hearts; and, be it further

