

## **1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 114**

March 2, 1998 – Introduced by Representative Fott. Referred to Committee on Rules.

**Relating to:** the life and public service of Bernard Mathiowetz. 1  $\mathbf{2}$ Whereas, Bernard Mathiowetz was born on February 11, 1902, in Sleepy Eye, 3 Minnesota, and died on January 17, 1997, in Milwaukee; and 4 Whereas, because his family refused to allow him to attend high school, he left 5 home and began supporting himself; and 6 Whereas, after he had saved enough money he began attending Ashland High 7 School while working for the Soo Line Railroad; and 8 Whereas, he later attended Northland College; and 9 Whereas, when he was a junior at Northland College he was elected to the 10 assembly, becoming the youngest member of the 1925 legislature; and 11 Whereas, during his term in the legislature he was a staunch supporter of labor 12 and because of his speaking skills a newspaper called him "the boy orator"; and Whereas, because he lacked money to return to his district to campaign, he was 1314 defeated for reelection; and

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1	Whereas, after his term in the assembly he completed a law degree at the
2	University of Wisconsin and then became a successful attorney in Milwaukee,
3	specializing in probate law; and
4	Whereas, Mr. Mathiowetz's life resembles a Horatio Alger story because of his
5	determination and his rise, by hard work, from humble beginnings to success; now,
6	therefore, be it
7	<b>Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That</b> the members of the
8	Wisconsin legislature salute the public service and the amazing life of Bernard
9	Mathiowetz, express their sorrow at his death and extend their condolences to his

- 10 family and friends; and, be it further
- *Resolved, That* the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
  resolution to Sheila Kirscher, Mr. Mathiowetz's niece.
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