



2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 14

March 8, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SPREITZER, LOUDENBECK, BOWEN, CONLEY, DRAKE, EMERSON, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, SKOWRONSKI, SUBECK, TAUCHEN and VRUWINK, cosponsored by Senators RINGHAND, NASS, CARPENTER, COWLES and FELZKOWSKI. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending the life and art of O.V. “Verne” Shaffer.

2 Whereas, Owen Verne Shaffer was born in 1928 in Princeton, Illinois, and
3 passed away on February 16, 2021; and

4 Whereas, Shaffer was a prolific and renowned artist with long-standing ties to
5 southern Wisconsin as both an artist and an educator; and

6 Whereas, Shaffer graduated from Beloit College in 1950, and returned in 1955
7 as both an art instructor and the first full-time Director of the Wright Museum of
8 Art at the college; and

9 Whereas, Shaffer spent many years making his sculptural pieces in a studio in
10 rural Clinton, including the eight-ton “Celebration” sculpture that stands at
11 Riverside Park in Beloit; and

12 Whereas, Shaffer has an estimated 1,200 pieces to his credit, including
13 sculptural works in welded and cast metal, concrete, and wood; and

14 Whereas, Shaffer’s art can be found in the collections of museums, corporations,
15 private homes, communities, and parks throughout the U.S. and the world; and

