

State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

It is with deep regret that the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board recognizes the untimely passing of Hilary "Sparky" Waukau, Sr. on August 2, 1995.

Mr. Waukau was born on October 13, 1922 in Neopit, Wisconsin. He proudly served in the Marine Corps during the Second World War and saw extensive action in the Pacific Theater. Upon his discharge from service, Hilary returned to the Menominee Reservation and served as Tribal Vice Chairman, County Administrator, Reservation Judge and in other various tribal offices. He was serving on the Menominee Legislature at the time of his death.

Mr. Waukau was an eloquent spokesman for his Tribe on numerous issues including the proposed northern Wisconsin nuclear storage facility, Exxon mine and Wolf River water quality issues.

Mr. Waukau stated before his death "the legacy I want to leave in anything I do... is that American Indians are a proud, strong people with a separate culture, separate beliefs and a separate way of doing things."

"Sparky" earned the respect of his fellow citizens through his great energy and respect for everyone while presenting his views.

We, The Members of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board, assembled in Marinette, Wisconsin on this 18th day of August, 1995 hereby express our respect and appreciation for the services Hilary Waukau, Sr. gave to the people of the State of Wisconsin and the Menominee Tribe he so ably represented. This memorial resolution is made a part of the official Board records.

NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Herbert F. Behnke, CHAIRMAN