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## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1

May 14, 2008 – Introduced by Representative HUEBSCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** recognition of Lonni Sowieja, Administrative Assistant in the Office of  
2             the Assembly Chief Clerk, on the occasion of her retirement from 34 years of  
3             faithful service to the Wisconsin state assembly.

4             Whereas, Lonni Sowieja began her career with the Wisconsin legislature on  
5     November 19, 1973, working for Rep. Louise Tesmer, Rep. Chester Gerlach, Rep.  
6     Virgil Roberts, Rep. Michael Kirby, Rep. James Holperin, Rep. Tom Ourada, and the  
7     Office of the Assembly Chief Clerk; and

8             Whereas, Lonni’s positive attitude and devotion to the Wisconsin state  
9     assembly was apparent through superior performance awards over the course of her  
10    employment, her abilities repeatedly characterized as “outstanding,” “excellent,”  
11    “exceptional,” and “hardworking”; and

12            Whereas, one of 12 children, Lonni grew up on a dairy farm in Greenwood, a  
13    small town in central Wisconsin; and

14            Whereas, Lonni married her wonderful husband Gene Sowieja, on August 7,  
15    1976, in Greenwood, Wisconsin, and together with him had 3 daughters, Tamra,

1 Kari, and Kelsey, and recently welcomed one granddaughter, Taylor, who is 15  
2 months old and their pride and joy; and

3 Whereas, Lonni has been a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish  
4 choir for the past 6 years, sang “barbershop” at weddings with her sisters, and was  
5 a member of Madison’s Sweet Adelines for 5 years, participating in state  
6 competitions; and

7 Whereas, Lonni has volunteered at the Luke House in Madison and is an avid  
8 blood donor for the American Red Cross; and

9 Whereas, Lonni has a great passion for the outdoors, especially gardening,  
10 taking great pride in 2 very large gardens that surround her home, tending to them  
11 with a green thumb that is the envy of friends and neighbors, and produces her  
12 favorite flowers, tulips and lilies; now, therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly  
14 express sincere thanks to Lonni Sowieja for her years of service in the assembly; and,  
15 be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk, in the presence of the members of the  
17 assembly, shall present a copy of this resolution to Lonni Sowieja and her family.

18 (END)