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## 2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

January 30, 2015 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, S. FITZGERALD, LAZICH, ERPENBACH, MILLER, SHILLING, WIRCH, BEWLEY, RINGHAND, LASSA, VUKMIR, L. TAYLOR, OLSEN, VINEHOUT, HANSEN and HARSDORF, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, C. TAYLOR, MILROY, HINTZ, MURPHY, MASON, KOLSTE, YOUNG, DANOU, HEBL, BALLWEG, SUBECK, KAHL, TITTL, GENRICH, MURSAU, OHNSTAD, CONSIDINE, GOYKE, PETRYK, A. OTT, BARCA, RIEMER, MEYERS, POPE, THIESFELDT, KRUG, J. OTT, SARGENT, WACHS and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** the public service of Laura Rose.

2           Whereas, Laura Rose was hired as a legislative council staff attorney in 1985  
3 and earned her chops under the strict supervision of the legendary Bonnie Reese; and

4           Whereas, Laura was named acting director of the legislative council staff in  
5 2000 and deputy director of the legislative council staff later that year; and

6           Whereas, Laura has staffed numerous standing committees and joint  
7 legislative council study committees on topics relating to health, mental illness,  
8 developmental disabilities, human services, aging, long-term care, and family law;  
9 and

10          Whereas, Laura has played a critical role in shaping the law on these subjects,  
11 including Wisconsin's mental health act, protective services law, and human services  
12 programs; and

13          Whereas, since 2006, Laura has served as staff to the joint committee on  
14 employment relations, providing excellent support and counsel to that committee;  
15 and

1           Whereas, Laura took a leave of absence from the legislative council staff in  
2           2008-09 to serve as Executive Director of the National Children's Study in  
3           Wisconsin, coordinating the work on this national project of the University of  
4           Wisconsin's School of Medicine and the Medical College of Wisconsin; and

5           Whereas, since 2007, Laura has been a collaborator on the Evidence-Based  
6           Health Project, along with staff of the La Follette School of Public Affairs at the  
7           University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Population Health Institute at the University  
8           of Wisconsin's School of Medicine, and the joint legislative council; and

9           Whereas, Laura has generously served her community through volunteer  
10          service, notably including the co-founding of The Road Home-Dane County,  
11          providing critical services to homeless families; and

12          Whereas, Laura is now leaving Wisconsin to become Director of the Legislative  
13          Management Group of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

14          Whereas, Laura has served as a valued mentor and model to a generation of  
15          legislative council staff attorneys, who will miss her wise counsel, steady guidance,  
16          and constant friendship; and

17          Whereas, Laura has provided excellent counsel to legislators and staff for 30  
18          years and will be missed by the legislature for her expertise as well as her  
19          outstanding dedication to service; now, therefore, be it

20                 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
21          legislature congratulates Laura Rose on her professional accomplishments, thanks  
22          her for her outstanding service to the legislature and the State of Wisconsin, and  
23          wishes her all the best as she takes on new challenges in service to the legislatures  
24          of all the states of this nation; and, be it further

1 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall present a copy of this resolution to

2 Laura Rose and her husband, Steve Rose, and their children, Will, Tim, and Abby.

3 **(END)**