

# State of Wisconsin



2013 Senate Joint Resolution 8

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** the retirement of Pam Shannon, Senior Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Staff, following a long and distinguished career in nonpartisan service to the Wisconsin legislature.

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Whereas, Pam began her love of travel as an infant, flying to Madison when her father joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin (UW)—Extension, and, following her parents' instructive example, began a lifetime of learning and civic engagement; and

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Whereas, Pam, in her various travels, met future husband Doug Bradley, a Vietnam veteran and graduate student, in Pullman, Washington, the site of Washington State University; and

Whereas, following a stint as a VISTA volunteer at Wisconsin Judicare and working with the Great Lakes Inter—Tribal Council, Pam graduated from the UW Law School in 1977, where her favorite class was Professor Willard Hurst's course on Legislation; and

Whereas, while working for the UW Law School's continuing legal education program, Pam followed the work of the Legislative Council's Special Committee on Determinate Sentencing, staffed by future colleagues and, despite of that early exposure, accepted a position as a staff attorney at the Legislative Council in March of 1981; and

Whereas, Pam staffed the American Indian Study Committee, drafting initial legislation establishing the county—tribal law enforcement program and drafting bills relating to tribal courts, burial sites preservation, and Indian health, culminating in an Inter—Tribal Council award "in appreciation for outstanding service and dedication to the Indian Tribes of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Inter—Tribal Council"; and

Whereas, Pam, as a jack of all trades, staffed legislative study committees ranging from lead poisoning prevention and child support to corrections and nanotechnology, as well as major statutory recodifications of the laws regarding actions affecting the family, veterans, military affairs, and emergency management; and

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Whereas, Pam regards as particular highlights of her 32-year legislative career her collegial working relationship with the Legislative Audit Bureau and the Joint Audit Committee, her tenure as director of the Rules Clearinghouse, her mentoring and supervision of younger colleagues at the Legislative Council (including assisting in the production of some famously raucous scenes in Legislative Council holiday party films), and her role in helping legislative offices to respond to open records requests; and

Whereas, Pam's Council colleagues will sorely miss her in-office collaborative efforts, her thorough and timely work product, her approachability and willingness to lend a hand, and, in the tradition of her Council forbears, her persnickety, yet welcome, editing style; and

Whereas, many of Pam's colleagues have become lifelong friends, have shared peak life experiences with her, and have turned to her for advice and wisdom on all topics ranging from Lebanese cooking and world travel to college selection and elder care options; and

Whereas, Pam is especially proud to have worked alongside both of her children when they served as senate staffers, carrying on the family's tradition of public service exemplified by their late grandmother, Dorothy Shannon; and

Whereas, Pam's retirement plans include working with her 94-year-old father to complete his World War II memoirs, traveling to the four states she has yet not visited, assisting with her daughter's wedding planning, and visiting family in Arizona, Oregon, and Washington; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the legislature honor and commend Pam Shannon for her 32 years of devoted service to the Wisconsin legislature and wish her many fruitful, active, and enjoyable years in retirement; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Pam and her husband, Doug; her daughter, Summer; her son, Ian; and her father, Ted Shannon.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Michael G. Ellis  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Jeffrey Renk  
Senate Chief Clerk

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January 31, 2013 – Introduced by Senators OLSEN and RISSER, cosponsored by Representative BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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