



2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 48

March 13, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives LIPPERT, LADWIG, STARZYK, VRAKAS, JENSEN, WASSERMAN, UNDERHEIM, McCORMICK, GUNDERSON, RYBA, WADE, RHOADES, SHILLING, GRONEMUS, HEBL, HOVEN, WARD, ZIEGELBAUER, KEDZIE, PETTIS, DUFF, LEIBHAM, OLSEN, SINICKI, PLOUFF, RILEY, HUEBSCH, MILLER, FREESE, HAHN, POCAN, ALBERS, KESTELL, POWERS, KRAWCZYK, JOHNSRUD, TOWNSEND, PETROWSKI, SCHNEIDER, PLALE, MUSSER, BOCK, COGGS, TURNER, URBAN, AINSWORTH, WALKER, BERCEAU, BALOW, GUNDRUM, JESKEWITZ, SERATTI, OTT and J. LEHMAN, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, PANZER, DARLING, ZIEN, COWLES, RISSER, ROSENZWEIG, LAZICH, A. LASEE, BRESKE, ROESSLER, HUELSMAN, SCHULTZ, S. FITZGERALD, PLACHE, GROBSCHMIDT, BURKE, GEORGE, WIRCH and HARSDFORF. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring and commending the devoted public service of Sue Ann
2 Thompson.

3 Whereas, Sue Ann Thompson earned her bachelor’s degree from Viterbo
4 College in La Crosse and postgraduate credits from the University of
5 Wisconsin–Madison; and

6 Whereas, Sue Ann Thompson and Governor Tommy G. Thompson have been
7 married since 1968 and have 2 daughters and a son, as well as grandchildren; and

8 Whereas, Sue Ann Thompson served an unprecedented 14 years as Wisconsin’s
9 first lady, working on issues that promote and enhance the diverse culture and strong
10 values that embody the state of Wisconsin; and

11 Whereas, she spent 34 years in the noble profession of schoolteacher, serving
12 not only her classes but the community by working with children and adults who
13 strive to learn to read; and

14 Whereas, she served diligently as a member of the Wisconsin Literacy Council
15 and the Governor’s Commission on Schools for the 21st Century; and

1 Whereas, Sue Ann Thompson has served as chair of the National Governor's
2 Association Spouses Program, as president of the Executive Residence Foundation,
3 and as a member of the Ronald McDonald House Board of Trustees, the Viterbo
4 College Board of Directors, the Wisconsin Women in Government's Board of
5 Directors, the American Players Theatre Advisory Board, and the Juneau County
6 Parent Mentoring Advisory Board; and

7 Whereas, she has served as the president of Very Special Arts, an international
8 organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of the disabled through music, dance,
9 and the arts, and is a representative on the Very Special Arts National Board of
10 Directors; and

11 Whereas, Sue Ann Thompson has had the courage to publicly discuss her own
12 treatment for breast cancer as a way of bringing women's health issues to public
13 attention, has promoted cancer awareness among women, and has become an
14 inspiration to others who have survived cancer treatment; and

15 Whereas, she created and works extensively with the Wisconsin Women's
16 Health Initiative, whose mission is to promote awareness of diseases that afflict
17 women through education, prevention, and outreach, and to provide funding for
18 research and opportunities for women in the medical field; and

19 Whereas, Sue Ann Thompson also serves as honorary chair of Wisconsin
20 Women's Health Initiative and is active with the Wisconsin Women's Cancer Control
21 Program; and

22 Whereas, she has received several awards for her work as an educator and
23 promoter of women's health issues, including the Health Education Center's
24 *Wisconsin's Health is Power Award* in 1997 and the *Action for Cancer Awareness*
25 *Award* from Congressional Families for Cancer Awareness in 1998; and

