



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

August 21, 2013 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, T. CULLEN, SCHULTZ, DARLING, MILLER, JAUCH, ERPENBACH, CARPENTER, SHILLING, L. TAYLOR and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives SARGENT, MILROY, BERNIER, SINICKI, MURPHY, KAHL, C. TAYLOR, WRIGHT, KOLSTE, SPIROS, NYGREN, BERCEAU, POPE, RINGHAND, OHNSTAD and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Kathryn Morrison.

2 Whereas, Kathryn Morrison was born on May 22, 1942, in Madison, Wisconsin,
3 and died on June 30, 2013, in Madison; and

4 Whereas, Kathryn began her long and distinguished career as an assistant
5 professor at the UW-Platteville School of Business & Economics; and

6 Whereas, Kathryn became the first woman to serve in the Wisconsin Senate in
7 1975, serving the 17th Senate District, and was the first woman to serve on the
8 powerful Joint Committee on Finance, in 1976; and

9 Whereas, Kathryn was held in high respect by her colleagues and in 1976 was
10 the recipient of the Woman of the Year in State Politics award and the Wisconsin
11 Church Women United's Woman of the Year award; and

12 Whereas, Kathryn was both unwavering in her dedication to her core beliefs
13 and respectful of those with whom she disagreed, and dedicated her time in the
14 legislature to helping those who were most in need; and

1 Whereas, Kathryn served for a time in the United States Department of Health
2 and Human Services and the United States Department of Housing and Urban
3 Development; and

4 Whereas, Kathryn continued to be active in the community by serving as a
5 consultant at the Wisconsin Regional Geriatric Center and as administrator of the
6 Division of Health in Wisconsin; and

7 Whereas, Kathryn was the chief financial officer of the New York City Health
8 and Hospital Corporation, which runs the public hospital system in New York City;
9 and

10 Whereas, Kathryn was an adjunct professor at New York University, and was
11 the senior vice president for finance and administration at the March of Dimes until
12 her retirement in 2004; and

13 Whereas, Kathryn benefited greatly throughout her life and public career from
14 the strong love and support of her brothers, Phillip Morrison of Mesa, Arizona, and
15 Paul Morrison of Fort Collins, Colorado, and her longtime friend, Katharine Lyall;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
18 Wisconsin legislature do commend the devoted public service that Kathryn Morrison
19 contributed to her community, express their sorrow at her death, and extend their
20 condolences to her family and friends; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
22 resolution to Kathryn's brothers, Phillip and Paul Morrison, and to her longtime
23 friend, Katharine Lyall.

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