



## 2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 48

June 21, 2019 - Introduced by Senators BEWLEY, ERPENBACH, CARPENTER, L. TAYLOR, SHILLING, HANSEN, JOHNSON, RISSER, SCHACHTNER, WIRCH, SMITH and RINGHAND, cosponsored by Representatives C. TAYLOR, STUBBS, SINICKI, L. MYERS, MILROY, MCGUIRE, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, SUBECK, B. MEYERS, EMERSON, VINING, GOYKE, KOLSTE, OHNSTAD, ZAMARRIPA, BOWEN, HEBL, RIEMER, CROWLEY, VRUWINK, DOYLE, SPIROS, BILLINGS, GRUSZYNSKI, POPE, SHANKLAND, NEUBAUER, ANDERSON, SPREITZER, FIELDS, SARGENT, PRONSCHINSKE, CONSIDINE, STUCK, BROSTOFF, HAYWOOD and CABRERA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Justice Shirley Abrahamson on her  
2             retirement after 43 devoted years of service.

3             Whereas, Justice Shirley Abrahamson was appointed to Wisconsin's high court  
4     by Democratic Governor Patrick Lucey in 1976 and retired this year after 43 years  
5     of serving on the highest court in Wisconsin; and

6             Whereas, Justice Shirley Abrahamson shattered glass ceilings in Wisconsin by  
7     becoming the first woman to serve as a justice on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court  
8     when appointed in 1976, she is the longest-serving member in the high court's  
9     history, she also was the first woman to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court  
10    from August 1996 to April 2015; and

11            Whereas, Justice Shirley Abrahamson has served as the Chair or President of  
12    several national organizations, won numerous awards, and received 15 honorary  
13    degrees from universities across the country, and is nationally recognized as a  
14    preeminent Justice and prolific legal scholar; and

