## **2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54**

1	<b>Relating to:</b> the retirement of Pat Coakley following a long and dedicated career in
2	the service of the Wisconsin legislature as a member of the Joint Legislative
3	Council Staff.
4	Whereas, Pat Coakley was born on January 21, 1940, in Canton, Illinois; and
5	Whereas, Pat left Illinois and served the Wisconsin legislature as a member of
6	the Joint Legislative Council Staff, ultimately as the staff's finance officer, under 4
7	executive secretaries and directors from June of 1964 to January 2, 2004; and
8	Whereas, throughout 21 sessions of the Wisconsin legislature Pat gave able
9	assistance to important legislative bodies such as the Joint Committee on
10	Employment Relations and the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization; and
11	Whereas, Pat helped organize presession orientations for new legislators before
12	numerous sessions of the Wisconsin legislature; and
13	Whereas, Pat carried the Joint Legislative Council Staff payroll system from
14	the Stone Age of pencil and paper computations to the modern computer world; and

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1	Whereas, Pat led the Joint Legislative Council Staff to unparalleled success in
2	"State Employee Combined Campaign" charitable giving by securing various 1st and
3	2nd place awards in total and per capita contributions for each of the years 1986 to
4	2002; and
5	Whereas, Pat ensured that Joint Legislative Council Staff never deposited pay
6	checks prior to their effective dates; and
7	Whereas, Pat lightened the work of the Joint Legislative Council Staff through
8	her interior design skills, her insightful common sense approach to the staff's daily
9	concerns, her sense of humor, and her playing a pivotal role in social events at various
10	venues, including Dan Field's, Sheboygan Brat Days, the Salad Bar, and the Inn on
11	the Park; and
12	Whereas, Pat has contributed to the legislature and to her Legislative Council
13	colleagues on both a professional and personal level that far exceeds the job
14	description of a finance officer; now, therefore, be it
15	<b>Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That</b> the members of the
16	Wisconsin legislature honor, salute, and commend Pat Coakley for her 40 years of
17	devoted service to the Wisconsin legislature and wish her many fruitful and
18	enjoyable years in retirement; and, be it further
19	Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
20	resolution to Pat Coakley and to her children, Allison, Kevin, and Michael.
21	(END)