

## 2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

February 26, 2004 – Introduced by Senators HARS DORF, PANZER, ROESSLER, ERPENBACH, DARLING, RISSER, LASSA, KANAVAS, WIRCH and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives KREIBICH, MILLER, LOTHIAN, VAN ROY, POCAN, KRAWCZYK, TOWNS, TURNER, TRAVIS, OWENS, JESKEWITZ, BOYLE, M. LEHMAN, HUBER, STONE, VRAKAS, BERCEAU, KRUG, HAHN, OLSEN, LADWIG, OTT, MCCORMICK and PLOUFF. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1       **Relating to:** commending President Katharine C. Lyall for her many years of  
2           dedicated service to the University of Wisconsin System and to the state of  
3           Wisconsin.

4           Whereas, Katharine C. Lyall began her service to higher education in  
5           Wisconsin in 1982, when she became a professor of economics and vice president for  
6           academic affairs for the University of Wisconsin System; and

7           Whereas, Lyall went on to serve 5 years as executive vice president of the  
8           University of Wisconsin System; and

9           Whereas, after serving 8 months as acting president, Lyall was named  
10          president of the University of Wisconsin System in April 1992, becoming the first  
11          female ever to serve as the system's president; and

12          Whereas, her tenure at the University of Wisconsin System is one of the longest  
13          of any university system president in modern times; and

1           Whereas, under her presidency, the University of Wisconsin System budget  
2 increased 50 percent from \$2.4 billion to \$3.7 billion annually, allowing an increase  
3 in services and opportunities for students; and

4           Whereas, President Lyall helped revitalize the University of Wisconsin  
5 System's 13 4-year campuses, as well as helping forge new partnerships with  
6 Wisconsin's technical colleges; and

7           Whereas, during her presidency, President Lyall made economic development  
8 throughout Wisconsin a top priority, sponsoring 4 annual economic summits since  
9 the year 2000; and

10           Whereas, President Lyall played an integral role in helping forge stronger ties  
11 between the 13 campuses, creating a more collaborative university system; and

12           Whereas, under her direction, hundreds of thousands of students have received  
13 and benefited from an exceptional education at one of the University of Wisconsin  
14 System campuses; and

15           Whereas, upon her retirement, President Lyall will begin a one-year  
16 appointment as a visiting senior scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the  
17 Advancement of Teaching in Palo Alto, California; now, therefore, be it

18           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
19 legislature commends President Katharine C. Lyall for her many years of dedicated  
20 service to the University of Wisconsin System and to the state of Wisconsin and wish  
21 her a long and healthy retirement; and, be it further

22           ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide Katharine C. Lyall with a  
23 copy of this joint resolution.

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