

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1

May 14, 2008 – Introduced by Representative HUEBSCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** recognition of Lonni Sowieja, Administrative Assistant in the Office of
2 the Assembly Chief Clerk, on the occasion of her retirement from 34 years of
3 faithful service to the Wisconsin state assembly.

4 Whereas, Lonni Sowieja began her career with the Wisconsin legislature on
5 November 19, 1973, working for Rep. Louise Tesmer, Rep. Chester Gerlach, Rep.
6 Virgil Roberts, Rep. Michael Kirby, Rep. James Holperin, Rep. Tom Ourada, and the
7 Office of the Assembly Chief Clerk; and

8 Whereas, Lonni's positive attitude and devotion to the Wisconsin state
9 assembly was apparent through superior performance awards over the course of her
10 employment, her abilities repeatedly characterized as "outstanding," "excellent,"
11 "exceptional," and "hardworking"; and

12 Whereas, one of 12 children, Lonni grew up on a dairy farm in Greenwood, a
13 small town in central Wisconsin; and

14 Whereas, Lonni married her wonderful husband Gene Sowieja, on August 7,
15 1976, in Greenwood, Wisconsin, and together with him had 3 daughters, Tamra,

1 Kari, and Kelsey, and recently welcomed one granddaughter, Taylor, who is 15
2 months old and their pride and joy; and

3 Whereas, Lonni has been a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
4 choir for the past 6 years, sang “barbershop” at weddings with her sisters, and was
5 a member of Madison’s Sweet Adelines for 5 years, participating in state
6 competitions; and

7 Whereas, Lonni has volunteered at the Luke House in Madison and is an avid
8 blood donor for the American Red Cross; and

9 Whereas, Lonni has a great passion for the outdoors, especially gardening,
10 taking great pride in 2 very large gardens that surround her home, tending to them
11 with a green thumb that is the envy of friends and neighbors, and produces her
12 favorite flowers, tulips and lilies; now, therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
14 express sincere thanks to Lonni Sowieja for her years of service in the assembly; and,
15 be it further

16 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk, in the presence of the members of the
17 assembly, shall present a copy of this resolution to Lonni Sowieja and her family.

18 (END)