May 30, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives L. MYERS, SINICKI, CROWLEY, FIELDS, HEBL, BALLWEG, ZAMARRIPA, MURSAU, SARGENT, ANDERSON, BOWEN, SHANKLAND, VRUWINK, C. TAYLOR, TUSLER, OHNSTAD, SPREITZER, NEUBAUER, SPIROS, HAYWOOD, STUBBS and HINTZ, cosponsored by Senators L. TAYLOR, RINGHAND, WIRCH and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring Wisconsin native Arike Ogunbowale for an incredible college women's basketball career with the University of Notre Dame.

Whereas, Arike Ogunbowale was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by her parents Yolanda and Gregory Ogunbowale and is the youngest of three children; and

Whereas, Arike attended Divine Savior Holy Angels High School in Milwaukee, where she played basketball and was recruited to play for the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish following her graduation; and

Whereas, Arike Ogunbowale won many awards and recognitions over the course of her high school career, including being a 2015 McDonald's High School All-America selection, the third person from Wisconsin ever to achieve this status; being named a three-time Gatorade Wisconsin High School Player of the Year, three-time Associated Press Wisconsin High School Player of the Year, the Most Valuable Player in the Greater Metro Conference four times, and the 2015 Wisconsin Miss Basketball; being selected all-state first team four times; scoring a total of...
2,240 career points, making her the sixth highest scorer of all-time in Wisconsin; and
leading her team to win the State Girls Basketball Tournament Division I
Championship during her senior year and two Greater Metro Conference titles; and

Whereas, Ogunbowale will graduate on May 19, 2019, from the University of
Notre Dame with a bachelor’s degree in business; and

Whereas, Arike Ogunbowale also won numerous awards and recognitions
throughout her college career at Notre Dame, including being named the Final Four
Most Outstanding Player, first team All-ACC, WBCA All-American, and Naismith
Trophy Semifinalist; becoming the all-time leading scorer at Notre Dame; and
receiving the ACC Mary Garber Award, given to the top female athlete of the year; and

Whereas, Ogunbowale has led the Notre Dame Fighting Irish to two NCAA
Women’s Basketball championship games, leading her team in points in the 2019
championship game by scoring an incredible 31 points, and helping her team to earn
the 2018 National Championship title by making a last-second three-point shot to
win the game 61–58; and

Whereas, Ogunbowale finished her amazing college career on April 7, 2019,
with a career total of 2,494 points, averaging 17.3 points per game, and 144 games
played; and

Whereas, Arike Ogunbowale was selected fifth overall in the first round of the
Women’s National Basketball Association’s draft on April 10, 2019, by the Dallas
Wings, where she will begin her professional basketball career; and

Whereas, Arike Ogunbowale is an astounding young woman who has
represented herself and her family, teams, community, state, and country extremely
well both on and off the court; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature hereby recognize Arike Ogunbowale for her outstanding college career as a member of the Notre Dame women’s basketball team.