2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44

April 20, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives STUBBS, DRAKE, L. MYERS, BOWEN, HAYWOOD, BALDEH, HONG, SINICKI, NEUBAUER, VRUWIN, HESSELBEIN, HEBL, ANDERSON, SNODGRASS, SHANKLAND, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, SPREITZER, SUBECK, OHNSTAD, BROSTOFF, MCGUIRE, CABRERA, VINING, CONLEY and EMERSON, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, L. TAYLOR, ROYS, WIRCH and ERPENBACH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring Vice President Kamala Harris for her years as a public servant.

Whereas, Vice President Harris called Madison, Wisconsin, home at the age of five before returning to California with her family; and
Whereas, Vice President Harris became the first person of color to serve as District Attorney of San Francisco, where she created the Environmental Justice Unit; and
Whereas, Vice President Harris served as California’s first African American Attorney General; and
Whereas, as California’s Attorney General, Vice President Harris created Open Justice, which made criminal justice data readily accessible to the public; and
Whereas, Vice President Harris has written three books, ranging from educational children’s books to nonfiction works regarding criminal justice reform; and
Whereas, in 2016, Vice President Harris became the first Indian American to serve in the United States Senate; and

Whereas, as a United States Senator, Vice President Harris fought for immigration and criminal justice reform, and served on the Senate Budget Committee, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, and the Senate Judiciary Committee; and

Whereas, in 2020, Vice President Harris became the first woman of color to appear on the ticket of a major party; and

Whereas, Kamala Devi Harris became the 49th vice president of the United States on January 20, 2021; and

Whereas, Vice President Harris became the first female vice president and the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history, as well as the first African American and first South Asian American to serve as vice president of the United States; and

Whereas, in serving as vice president, Harris has spearheaded work with Central American and South American leaders to address the root issues of immigration; and

Whereas, Vice President Harris has successfully broken down barriers, and lifted up voices of people of color across this country; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That members of the Wisconsin Legislature join in honoring Vice President Kamala Harris for her years as a public servant.

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