
ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

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

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

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

Whereas, one of 11 children, Lonni grew up on a dairy farm in Greenwood, a small town in central Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Lonni married her wonderful husband Gene Sowieja, on August 7, 1976, in Greenwood, Wisconsin, and together with him had 3 daughters, Tamra, Kari, and Kelsey, and recently welcomed one granddaughter, Taylor, who is 15 months old and their pride and joy; and

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

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

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

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

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

State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

Representative Michael D. Huebsch
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk