

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 60

June 13, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives ZIMMERMAN, JARCHOW, STAFSHOLT, E. BROOKS, MURPHY, JACQUE, MURSAU, KERKMAN, MILROY, KNODL, QUINN, SPIROS, CROWLEY, SARGENT, SUBECK, BERCEAU, SPREITZER, BROSTOFF, POPE and WEATHERSTON, cosponsored by Senators HARSDORF, RISSER, BEWLEY, OLSEN, CARPENTER and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Secretary Kitty Rhoades.
2	Whereas, Kitty Rhoades, a dedicated public servant, community and business
3	leader, and loving wife and mother, passed away on June 18, 2016; and
4	Whereas, Kitty was born to George and Joan Richie on April 7, 1951, in Hudson,
5	Wisconsin, and graduated from Hudson High School in 1969; and
6	Whereas, Kitty received a bachelor's degree from the University of
7	Wisconsin–River Falls in 1973 and a Master's degree in education from Illinois State
8	University in 1978; and
9	Whereas, she began her professional career as a teacher of at-risk youth and
10	as a small business owner; and
11	Whereas, Kitty served as the director of the Hudson Chamber of Commerce and
12	the North Suburban Chamber of Commerce in the Twin Cities; and
13	Whereas, Kitty was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1998 and
14	proudly represented the people of the 30th Assembly District for 12 years; and

1	Whereas, during her time in the Assembly, she held several leadership
2	positions, including cochair of the Joint Committee on Finance and chair of the Aging
3	and Long Term Care Committee; and
4	Whereas, Kitty was named deputy secretary of the Wisconsin Department of
5	Health Services in January 2011 and secretary in February 2013; and
6	Whereas, in May 2014, Kitty was given the 2014 Outstanding Alzheimer's
7	Advocate Award by the Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern Wisconsin for her
8	work in reforming the state's system of care for those living with Alzheimer's and
9	other types of dementia; and
10	Whereas, throughout her career, Kitty advocated on behalf of the elderly;
11	caregivers; and those with dementia, mental illness, and physical disabilities; now,
12	therefore, be it
13	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
14	Wisconsin State Legislature join in honoring the life and public service of Kitty
15	Rhoades and extend their condolences to her family and friends; and, be it further
16	<i>Resolved, That</i> the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
17	to Frank Rhoades, Kitty's husband of 41 years.
18	(END)