



2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 42

May 12, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives KURTZ, KRUG, TRANEL, SINICKI, MURSAU, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, SPIROS, VOS, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, MURPHY, ROZAR, SUBECK and GREEN, cosponsored by Senators BALLWEG, MARKLEIN, COWLES, CARPENTER, JACQUE, SPREITZER, NASS and SMITH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** honoring the life and public service of Representative Sheryl Albers.

2 Whereas, Representative Sheryl Albers, a dedicated public servant and loving
3 wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on May 28, 2022 at the age of 67; and

4 Whereas, Sheryl Albers was born on September 9, 1954, as the second of eight
5 children to Marcus and Norma Gumz, and grew up in Baraboo, Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, Sheryl Albers graduated from Baraboo High School and went on to
7 attend Carroll University and earned her bachelor's degree in Art from Ripon
8 College; and

9 Whereas, Sheryl Albers was a proud farmer, having grown up on her family's
10 farm and returning to work at her family's farm following college growing mint and
11 soybeans before becoming a dairy farmer; and

12 Whereas, Sheryl Albers was elected to the Wisconsin Assembly in 1991 in a
13 special election, and served the people of the 50th Assembly District for 18 years until
14 she retired in 2009; and

1 Whereas, during her time in the assembly, Sheryl Albers served as the chair for
2 several committees including the Elections and Constitutional Law Committee and
3 the Property Rights and Land Management Committee, and she served as a member
4 of the Joint Committee on Finance for several sessions; and

5 Whereas, Sheryl Albers was a fierce advocate for the agriculture community
6 and worked on issues affecting agriculture including property rights, rural economic
7 development, and land use and zoning; and

8 Whereas, while serving as a representative, Sheryl Albers attended the
9 University of Wisconsin Law School and earned her J.D. in 2004; and

10 Whereas, following her service in the assembly, Sheryl Albers practiced law,
11 which included working for the Juneau County District Attorney's Office and the
12 Wisconsin Supreme Court in the Office of Lawyer Regulation, and worked in human
13 resources at the Wisconsin Department of Corrections; and

14 Whereas, Sheryl Albers was recognized for her hard work and contributions to
15 the farming community, having served as a member on the Sauk County Farm
16 Bureau Board, being named Sauk County's Miss Farm Bureau, recognized as an
17 Outstanding Young Farmer, and being a member of several agricultural associations
18 including being a founding member of the Sauk County Women in Agriculture-Eagle
19 Bluff Chapter; and

20 Whereas, Sheryl Albers had many talents and hobbies including being a
21 talented seamstress, creating craft gifts, traveling and appreciating art from around
22 the world, enjoying the company of friends and hosting dinners, and she earned her
23 private pilot's license and owned a Terratorn Ultralight aircraft; and

1 Whereas, Sheryl Albers was a loving wife to her husband, Steve, and a mother
2 to her son, Joel, and four stepchildren, Kelly, Devon, Megan, and Tyler, and
3 grandmother to seven grandchildren; and

4 Whereas, Representative Sheryl Albers is remembered fondly for her strong
5 work ethic, faith, kindness, and service to her state and community; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That assembly*** the
8 members of the Wisconsin Legislature honor the life and public service of
9 Representative Sheryl Albers and extend their condolences to her family and friends.

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