



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

### **Title**

Commending, honoring and expressing appreciation to Sharon Christensen upon her retirement from the City of Madison after 38 years of exemplary service to the City of Madison and its citizens.

### **Body**

WHEREAS, Sharon Christensen is retiring from the City of Madison, Office of the City Clerk, on June 9, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Sharon began work with the City of Madison on June 3, 1968 as an Clerk Typist II in the Assessor's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has held various positions within the Department of Revenue, including Administrative Clerk I, Administrative Clerk II and Administrative Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, in January 1997, Sharon became the Provisional Clerk's Office Supervisor and in November 1998 was certified to the Clerk's Office Supervisor position. She has been the Deputy City Clerk from 1998 to present; and

WHEREAS, in January 2006, the Department of Revenue was split into separate agencies and Sharon played a vital role in coordinating the split and ensuring the transition was smooth and effective; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Sharon was instrumental in developing the City's business license and voter systems and was an active participant in acquiring the City's voting equipment and the development and implementation of the legislative tracking system; and

WHEREAS, at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference in August 2005, Sharon was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association, which is the highest award that WMCA can bestow on a member; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has been a member of the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association for over 10 years where she held the title of District Director for 4 years and participated in the Conference Committee and Special Projects Committee for several years; and

WHEREAS, throughout Sharon's tenure as Deputy City Clerk she has attended over 60 continuing education workshops and classes while running the often chaotic, day-to-day operations of the City Clerk's Office and raising a family; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has diligently conducted the City of Madison through 31 elections as Deputy City Clerk and has participated in almost 100 elections throughout her tenure; and

WHEREAS, the list of accomplishments and professional goals that Sharon has attained is endless, and she has been a role model to everyone who has had the honor and privilege of working with her; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has postponed her retirement twice to ensure the high quality of service in the City Clerk's was maintained during the February 2006 election and April 2006 election and recount and to ensure the staff could properly handle the complex responsibilities in her absence;

WHEREAS, Sharon's knowledge, outstanding demeanor, and immeasurable dedication to the City of Madison and the staff of the City Clerk's office will be impossible to replace;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby commend and express gratitude and appreciation to Sharon Christensen for her dedicated service to the City of Madison and wish

her a healthy and prosperous retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sharon Christensen as a symbol of our appreciation and gratitude for her 38 years of service to the City of Madison and its citizens.