



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Commending, honoring and expressing appreciation to Wendy Barton upon her retirement from the City of Madison after nearly 40 years of outstanding service.

Body

WHEREAS, Wendy E. Barton first began her service at the City of Madison on June 26, 1978 as an hourly Library Assistant, later being promoted to Information Specialist and then Clerk 2 before leaving the library in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Wendy resumed her service at the City of Madison on November 26, 1990, as an hourly Clerk Typist and her permanent career on March 15, 1992, as a Clerk Typist 2; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Wendy was promoted to the position Central Support Clerk and finally to Administrative Support Clerk 2 and is a member of the Administrative Team (aka "The A-Team") in the Finance Department; and

WHEREAS, Wendy has supported nearly every department in the City, from the Fire Department to Public Health to the City Clerk's office, performing duties ranging from filing, to data entry, to being a main player in the scheduling and payroll of the more than 3000 elections officials; and

WHEREAS, Wendy's service skills, her extensive knowledge, and ability to access the most esoteric information about City government has led her to be called "The Wendypedia" by her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Wendy has supported city programs such as "Bring Your Daughter to Work Day" by bringing her daughters Bonnie, Julie and Melanie to participate, and has for many years assisted with the flu clinics to help the City of Madison employees stay healthy; and

WHEREAS, Wendy has consistently shown the highest degree of professionalism and creativity while helping residents of Madison exercise their right to vote, including dressing as a suffragette for FreakFest in 2011; and

WHEREAS, in her 40 years of service (despite only being 16 ½), Wendy has assisted tens of thousands of citizens, whether by phone or in person, ensuring that each person received correct information and, if necessary, was connected to the City staff person whom could best assist that person; and

WHEREAS, Wendy's friendly and caring manner will be missed by the colleagues throughout city government who have had the good fortune to know her, work with her, witness her commitment through personal and life challenges, and by the many citizens whose lives she has touched during her nearly four-decade career; and

WHEREAS, Wendy is looking forward to having much more time to spend with her family, especially her grandchildren as she begins a new chapter in her life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Common Council on behalf of her friends in

the Finance Department and throughout City government thank Wendy for her dedicated service to the City of Madison and its citizens and wish her well in her retirement.