



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Peggy (Peg) Ann Lautenschlager.

2 Whereas, Peggy “Peg” Lautenschlager was born on November 22, 1955, in Fond
3 du Lac, Wisconsin, and passed away on March 31, 2018, at the age of 62; and

4 Whereas, Peg Lautenschlager graduated from Goodrich High School in 1973
5 and Lake Forest College in 1977 and earned a law degree from the University of
6 Wisconsin in 1980; and

7 Whereas, in her legal practice, Peg specialized in family and domestic abuse
8 law and was the first female District Attorney in Winnebago County, serving from
9 1985 to 1988; and

10 Whereas, Peg Lautenschlager served on the Wisconsin State Elections Board,
11 the Governor’s Council on Domestic Abuse, and the Oshkosh Rape Crisis Center; and

12 Whereas, in 1988, she was elected to represent Wisconsin’s 52nd Assembly
13 district in the state legislature, during which time she served on numerous
14 committees, including Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Drug

1 Enforcement, Education, and Treatment and the Subcommittee on Corrections
2 Systems Concerns; and

3 Whereas, Peg Lautenschlager was appointed the U.S. Attorney for the Western
4 District of Wisconsin in 1993 by President Bill Clinton and served on U.S. Attorney
5 General Janet Reno's Advisory Committee; and

6 Whereas, in 2002, Peg was elected the first female Attorney General in
7 Wisconsin's history, a position in which she broke glass ceilings and championed
8 government transparency; and

9 Whereas, during her thirty years of public service, Peg sought to make
10 Wisconsin safe and just for all of its residents, whether it be in the form of protecting
11 children against online predators, combating drug usage, or enhancing
12 environmental protections; and

13 Whereas, over the last 14 years Peg Lautenschlager bravely and publicly fought
14 a battle with cancer, demonstrating unrelenting courage and providing hope and
15 encouragement to women from all walks of life throughout her journey; and

16 Whereas, Peg Lautenschlager was a devoted wife to her husband, Bill, and a
17 devoted mother to her five children and placed family above all else; and

18 Whereas, in mourning the death of Peg Lautenschlager we celebrate her life,
19 her groundbreaking accomplishments, and her everlasting passion for public
20 service; now, therefore, be it

21 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of
22 the state of Wisconsin commemorates the trailblazing life of Peg Lautenschlager and
23 extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to her family, friends, and
24 colleagues during this time.

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