



2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

July 16, 2025 - Introduced by Senators HESSELBEIN, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER, WALL and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives NEUBAUER, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BROWN, CLANCY, CRUZ, DESMIDT, DOYLE, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HONG, HYSELL, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MAYADEV, MIRESE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, PHELPS, PRADO, ROE, SHEEHAN, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPAUDE, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK, TENORIO, UDELL and VINING. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the dedication and service of Chief Justice Ann Walsh
2 Bradley.

3 Whereas, Chief Justice Ann Walsh Bradley has deep roots in Wisconsin,
4 coming from a family that has lived in the state since the 1850s; and

5 Whereas, Chief Justice Bradley was born and raised in Richland Center,
6 growing up in the house that her grandparents owned and where her father was
7 born; and

8 Whereas, after earning her bachelor's degree at Webster University, Chief
9 Justice Bradley began her long career in public service as a high school teacher in
10 La Crosse; and

11 Whereas, Chief Justice Bradley then earned her J.D. at the University of
12 Wisconsin Law School, where she was recognized as a Knapp Scholar; and

13 Whereas, in 1985, Chief Justice Bradley was appointed by Governor Tony Earl

1 to serve as a circuit court judge in Marathon County, the first woman to serve in
2 that position in county history; and

3 Whereas, upon being sworn in, Chief Justice Bradley pledged “my energy, my
4 intellect, my good humor, and my sincerity” in service of the people of Wisconsin;
5 and

6 Whereas, Chief Justice Bradley subsequently won election to the same court
7 in 1986, earning respect as a jurist, remaining deeply involved in the community,
8 and, alongside her husband, Mark, raising a young family; and

9 Whereas, Chief Justice Bradley became the first woman in state history to
10 reach the Wisconsin Supreme Court by way of election, securing her first 10-year
11 term in 1995; and

12 Whereas, Chief Justice Bradley was reelected to the court in 2005 and 2015;
13 and

14 Whereas, over the course of her tenure, Chief Justice Bradley heard thousands
15 of cases, earning the confidence of her colleagues and the broader public; and

16 Whereas, Chief Justice Bradley has devoted her time and talents to
17 organizations advancing gender and human rights and inclusive justice around the
18 globe, including serving as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the International
19 Judicial Academy, as a founding member of the Global Network on Electoral
20 Justice, and as the chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Association of
21 Women Judges; and

22 Whereas, in 2025, Chief Justice Ann Walsh Bradley was chosen by her
23 colleagues to serve as Chief Justice; now, therefore, be it

24 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of

1 the Wisconsin Legislature join in honoring Chief Justice Ann Walsh Bradley upon
2 her retirement from the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

3 (END)