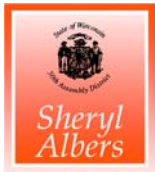

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Albers Will Not Run for Re-Election

Veteran Reedsburg Republican Cites Inability to Physically Run Campaign That She Believes Needs to Be Run

MAUSTON – Speaking at the Juneau County Justice Center today, eight-term State Representative Sheryl Albers (R-Reedsburg) announced that she will not run for reelection to the Wisconsin State Assembly this fall.

“I chose to make this announcement at the Justice Center here in Juneau County because these courtrooms remind me of the long, tough battle to get Juneau County the second circuit court that it needed so badly and we finally won,” said Albers. “It needs and unfinished business like that one that kept me wanting to run and serve the people of the 50th District.”

“Now I simply cannot ‘run’ anymore, as my left leg is not in a condition to let me do what I’ve done in the past,” continued Albers. “A torn ACL is just one of the problems disclosed by a recent MRI, and while I have scheduled myself to have surgery at the end of this month, even if successful, it is unlikely that I would be able to get out and ‘run’, as I always have.”

Since her 1991 special election to the Assembly, Albers is proud of her efforts to reduce the tax burden in Wisconsin, promote local economic development, and protect the rights of private property owners against the heavy hand of government. In addition to the second circuit court for Juneau County, Albers also fought for several important projects for the 50th Assembly District like the dam in Cazenovia at Lee Lake, New Lisbon Correctional Institution, a sediment trap for Mirror Lake, and a change in law allowing residents in the Town of Rockbridge and other small rural towns to be served by a partially government-funded sewer system.

“Although I will not run for the Assembly again, unfinished business remains: implementing mental health parity, a fairer K-12 funding formula for rural school districts, restraining orders against sex offenders who cannot be brought to trial because of technicalities, harsher penalties for inmates who participate in a prison riot, and deputizing military personnel so that they can patrol the perimeter of military bases here in Wisconsin,” said Albers. “It is my hope that whoever may follow me as representative for the 50th District or other legislators will take up these worthy pieces of legislation.”

“Finally,” concluded Albers, “I would like to thank the many people of the 50th Assembly District who made it a privilege to serve them everyday for the last seventeen years. Your support and your faith in me over the years is overwhelming and a blessing that I will never forget.”

“I may be coming back to these court chambers, not as a legislator crafting laws, but as an attorney practicing the law. I look forward to seeing you all again and staying in touch with my many friends and family in the 50th Assembly District.”

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