
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: commending and congratulating Chancellor Richard H. Wells for his contributions to the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh and the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, Richard H. Wells will retire from his position as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh effective August 31, 2014; and

Whereas, Richard H. Wells was appointed as chancellor in 2000 and is UW–Oshkosh’s tenth, and third–longest–serving, chancellor; and

Whereas, during his tenure, UW–Oshkosh saw a record 19 percent enrollment increase and a 30 percent increase in conferred degrees; and

Whereas, under Chancellor Wells’s guidance, UW–Oshkosh enhanced its facilities by completing and launching approximately \$320 million in construction projects from 2000 through 2015, blending \$160 million in state investment with \$111 million in program revenue (from residence hall fee to business service fee revenues) and more than \$45 million in donor/university/private sector partnership investment; and

Whereas, major capital projects completed under Chancellor Wells’s tenure include the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Horizon Village, Sage Hall, and the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center; and

Whereas, Chancellor Wells’s leadership has ensured that students will have a modern learning environment for many years to come; and

Whereas, despite the challenges facing higher education, Chancellor Wells has never lost sight of the importance of a well–rounded liberal arts education and the capacity of institutions like UW–Oshkosh to produce value; and

Whereas, Chancellor Wells has advocated a broad view of the role of higher education in the knowledge economy as a partner with the private sector to ensure workforce development through efforts to provide highly skilled graduates aligned with current and emerging careers; and

Whereas, Chancellor Wells has also advanced and championed economic development through innovative and collaborative support for new and existing businesses; and

Whereas, Chancellor Wells has been a respected voice in higher education throughout the state, and UW–Oshkosh has flourished under his tenure; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature commends and congratulates Chancellor Richard H. Wells for his contributions to the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh and to the state of Wisconsin and wishes him a long and healthy retirement; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to Chancellor Richard H. Wells.

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Michael G. Ellis
President of the Senate

Date

Jeffrey Renk
Senate Chief Clerk