



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 103

February 20, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives HINTZ, BERNARD SCHABER, MURPHY, BALLWEG, MARKLEIN, THIESFELDT, SCHRAA, OHNSTAD, DANOU, HESSELBEIN, WACHS, KAUFERT, KAHL, BEWLEY, C. TAYLOR and MURTHA, cosponsored by Senators GUDEX, L. TAYLOR, HARSDORF, MILLER and LEHMAN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Chancellor Richard H. Wells for his
2 contributions to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the state of
3 Wisconsin.

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

6 Whereas, Richard H. Wells was appointed as chancellor in 2000 and is
7 UW-Oshkosh's tenth, and third-longest-serving, chancellor; and

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

10 Whereas, under Chancellor Wells's guidance, UW-Oshkosh enhanced its
11 facilities by completing and launching approximately \$320 million in construction
12 projects from 2000 through 2015, blending \$160 million in state investment with
13 \$111 million in program revenue (from residence hall fee to business service fee
14 revenues) and more than \$45 million in donor/university/private sector partnership
15 investment; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution
24 to Chancellor Richard H. Wells.

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