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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 145

March 10, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives CONSIDINE, TRANEL, KURTZ, HESSELBEIN, NOVAK, HEBL, HINTZ, RAMTHUN, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, STUBBS, VRUWINK, SUBECK, SPREITZER and MURPHY, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, ERPENBACH and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring Dr. Dennis J. Shields as a cherished and impactful leader of
2 the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and thanking him for his service.

3 Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chancellor, Dr. Dennis J.
4 Shields, has positively impacted the University of Wisconsin-Platteville campus and
5 community; and

6 Whereas, Chancellor Shields has served as a skilled, efficient, and dynamic
7 leader of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville since 2010, dedicated to improving
8 the university; and

9 Whereas, Chancellor Shields oversaw the merger of the University of
10 Wisconsin-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County and the University of
11 Wisconsin-Platteville Richland, ensuring the transition was smooth and everyone's
12 voices were heard; and

13 Whereas, Chancellor Shields worked with the legislature and Governor Scott
14 Walker to provide the resources needed to renovate classrooms, labs, and meeting
15 spaces at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville's Boebel Hall and build the new

1 Sesquicentennial Hall, which is a state-of-the-art engineering building, to help
2 students reach their academic and professional goals; and

3 Whereas, Chancellor Shields earned a Bachelor in Business Administration
4 from Graceland College and a Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa College of
5 Law; and

6 Whereas, Chancellor Shields has dedicated his life to improving access to
7 higher education, serving as a bridge to middle-class Americans and Americans
8 from underrepresented communities; and

9 Whereas, Chancellor Shields has served in many roles throughout his career,
10 starting as the Assistant Director of Admissions at the University of Iowa College of
11 Law, where he helped to expand the diversity of candidates for admissions by a factor
12 of two; and

13 Whereas, Chancellor Shields is the first Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion
14 Working Group of the National Collegiate Athletics Association for Division III,
15 working to foster equitable participation for student-athletes, coaches, and
16 administrators from diverse backgrounds; and

17 Whereas, Chancellor Shields's focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion has
18 helped the University of Wisconsin-Platteville evolve, as the number of students
19 from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds has doubled throughout his time
20 as leader; and

21 Whereas, Chancellor Shields will be leaving the University of
22 Wisconsin-Platteville to become the next president of Southern University and
23 A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; now, therefore, be it

24 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
25 Wisconsin Legislature join in honoring Dr. Dennis J. Shields as a cherished and

1 impactful leader of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and in thanking him for
2 his service to our state.

3 (END)