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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 76

August 31, 2021 - Introduced by Representative MURPHY, cosponsored by Senators ROTH and BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** honoring the career and accomplishments of Dr. Susan May.

2 Whereas, after 38 years of service to Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC), Dr.
3 Susan May will retire from her position as president and chief executive officer on
4 July 31, 2021; and

5 Whereas, Dr. May earned her bachelor's degree in education from the
6 University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1978, her master's degree in vocational education
7 administration from UW-Stout in 1991, and her doctorate in vocational, technical,
8 and occupational education from Nova Southeastern University in 1998; and

9 Whereas, Dr. May joined FVTC in 1983 as an adult continuing education
10 specialist, and she has taken on a variety of roles and responsibilities throughout her
11 tenure; and

12 Whereas, Dr. May began serving as chief academic officer in 1997 and as
13 executive vice president beginning in 2005, two roles in which she had responsibility
14 for all instructional programming, as well as business and industry services; and

1 Whereas, Dr. May was named president and chief executive officer of FVTC in
2 2008, and she has served as an accomplished leader in that position for over a decade;
3 and

4 Whereas, throughout her tenure, Dr. May has developed FVTC's service to
5 business and industry, bringing recognition to the college both statewide and
6 nationally for its customized contract training services; and

7 Whereas, through community outreach efforts led by Dr. May, FVTC has seen
8 the growth and development of several regional and specialized centers, including
9 new facilities in Clintonville, Chilton, Waupaca, Oshkosh, and Wautoma; and

10 Whereas, under Dr. May's leadership, a \$66.5 million capital referendum was
11 passed in 2012, allowing for the construction of a new public safety training center,
12 which is the only fully integrated and multi-disciplinary training facility in the
13 Midwest; and

14 Whereas, Dr. May has overseen the growth of FVTC's extensive federal grant
15 portfolio, which includes substantial national training efforts in criminal justice and
16 child protection, as well as major curriculum advancements using digital technology;
17 and

18 Whereas, under the direction of Dr. May, FVTC successfully navigated the
19 challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, creating instructional models in
20 alternative delivery formats for nearly 250 associate degrees, technical diplomas,
21 certificate programs, and seminars; and

22 Whereas, throughout her tenure, Dr. May has earned numerous awards and
23 honors, including the Administrator of the Year Award from the Wisconsin East
24 Central Association for Vocational Education, the National Chair Academy's
25 Outstanding Leadership Award, the State Agriculture Education Leadership

1 Award, the Fox Cities Woman Manager of the Year Award, the Athena Award from
2 the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Thomas G. Scullen
3 Educational Leadership Award, UW-Stout's Career and Technical Education
4 "Executive in Residence" Award, the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, and the
5 Fox Cities Chamber Pinnacle Award; and

6 Whereas, Dr. May has served in various officer and committee chair positions
7 at the Wisconsin Technical College System level, serving most recently as president
8 of the Wisconsin Technical College System President's Association during the
9 2013-14 academic year; and

10 Whereas, Dr. May is highly regarded by her colleagues for her leadership,
11 mentorship, collaboration, and deep understanding of Wisconsin's educational
12 system; and

13 Whereas, throughout her career, Dr. May has had a positive impact on the lives
14 of countless FVTC students and has established a standard of excellence for the
15 Wisconsin Technical College System; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
17 Wisconsin State Legislature honor the career of Dr. Susan May and celebrate her
18 retirement from Fox Valley Technical College.

19 (END)