



1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

March 28, 2000 - Introduced by Senators RISSER, ERPENBACH, GROBSCHMIDT, FARROW, GEORGE, HUELSMAN and RUDE, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK, WARD, KLUSMAN, WALKER, JENSEN, UNDERHEIM, HUTCHISON, BERCEAU, RHOADES, STONE, KREIBICH, BRANDEMUEHL, OTT, MILLER, YOUNG, HUBER, BOYLE, SCHOOFF, URBAN, LADWIG, HAHN, BOCK, AINSWORTH and HEBL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Chancellor David Ward for his
2 contribution to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the state of
3 Wisconsin.

4 Whereas, on January 1, 2001, David Ward will step down as the University of
5 Wisconsin-Madison chancellor; and

6 Whereas, David Ward will have served the faculty, staff and students of the
7 university, as well as the citizens of this state, as chancellor since June 1993, the
8 longest tenure of any current leader of a Big 10 university; and

9 Whereas, he has devoted nearly 40 years of service to the University of
10 Wisconsin-Madison; and

11 Whereas, under David Ward's leadership, the university has substantially
12 improved undergraduate education through improved advising, stronger core
13 curriculum, and expanded research opportunities for students; and

1 Whereas, he created and implemented the university’s innovative
2 interdisciplinary teaching and research initiative, known as the “cluster hiring
3 program”, which will bring 150 new faculty to the campus by 2003; and

4 Whereas, he spearheaded the successful public–private partnerships between
5 the state of Wisconsin and the university’s alumni and donors for the campus’ capital
6 budgets, which have resulted in 57 construction projects on campus for research and
7 instruction, including new buildings such as the Kohl Center, the Biotechnology
8 Center, and the Pharmacy and Chemistry buildings; and

9 Whereas, he created a similar partnership for the operating budget, the
10 Madison Initiative, a \$97,000,000 investment that will enable University of
11 Wisconsin–Madison to continue to provide students an outstanding education and
12 to help Wisconsin maintain its competitiveness in the global economy; and

13 Whereas, during his tenure, the university raised \$740,000,000 in private
14 funds, placing the University of Wisconsin–Madison number 1 in private support
15 among public universities; and

16 Whereas, he created the Technology Transfer Council to help promote and steer
17 the commercial potential of the University of Wisconsin–Madison research
18 discoveries; and

19 Whereas, he shepherded the rapid growth of the nationally recognized
20 University Research Park, which houses 68 companies that collectively employ more
21 than 2,600 people; and

22 Whereas, he has reinvigorated the “Wisconsin Idea” by renewing the
23 university’s commitment to sharing the resources of the university with the state and
24 the nation; and

1 Whereas, during his tenure, the football team won back-to-back Rose Bowls,
2 an unprecedented feat in the Big 10, and other men's and women's athletic teams
3 have enjoyed unparalleled success; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
5 legislature commends and congratulates Chancellor David Ward for his contribution
6 to the University of Wisconsin-Madison and to the state of Wisconsin; and, be it
7 further

8 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint
9 resolution to Chancellor Ward.

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