



2005 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 15

February 17, 2005 - Introduced by Representatives NASS, KREIBICH, ZEPNICK, OWENS, LEMAHIEU, GUNDERSON, MONTGOMERY, LOTHIAN, VOS, SUDER, KLEEFISCH, STRACHOTA, PRIDEMORE, KERKMAN, VAN ROY, MCCORMICK, VUKMIR, MEYER, J. FITZGERALD, HAHN and STONE, cosponsored by Senators GROTHMAN, HARSORF, BROWN, LEIBHAM, KEDZIE, LAZICH and KAPANKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** condemning the anti-American hate speech promoted by Professor
2 Ward L. Churchill.

3 Whereas, the United States of America was attacked on September 11, 2001,
4 a day that will be remembered as one of the darkest in American history; and

5 Whereas, the terrorists that attacked America that day murdered more than
6 3,000 innocent people who were doing nothing more than enjoying the inalienable
7 rights of a free people; and

8 Whereas, the families of those who were lost on September 11, 2001, are still
9 in the agonizing process of grieving and recovery, enduring immeasurable pain from
10 the attacks; and

11 Whereas, the citizens of Wisconsin rallied around those families and our
12 country in the following mobilization of national resources to achieve victory in the
13 War on Terror; and

14 Whereas, Professor Ward L. Churchill of the University of Colorado at Boulder
15 wrote an essay, "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Roosting Chickens,"

1 related to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, with intentionally
2 inflammatory and offensive statements aimed at all Americans; and

3 Whereas, Professor Churchill in his essay compares the victims of the terrorist
4 attacks on September 11, 2001, to Adolph Eichmann, the man in charge of Hitler’s
5 plan to murder Jews during World War II; and

6 Whereas, on January 31, 2005, Professor Churchill issued a statement
7 clarifying that people working in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001,
8 were the “technocrats of empire” and were the equivalents of “little Eichmanns”; and

9 Whereas, Professor Churchill is scheduled to give a speech on the campus of the
10 University of Wisconsin–Whitewater on March 1, 2005; and

11 Whereas, Professor Churchill’s essay and statements are clearly inflammatory,
12 offensive, and lacking in academic foundation, rightly outraging citizens both in
13 Wisconsin and across the country; and

14 Whereas, Professor Churchill’s tenure is currently the subject of review by the
15 University of Colorado Board of Regents and is the subject of a statement by the
16 governor of Colorado calling for his dismissal; now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
18 legislature condemns the anti–American hate speech promoted by Professor Ward
19 L. Churchill; recommends strongly that the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater
20 cancel Professor Churchill’s speech on March 1, 2005; and requests the University
21 of Wisconsin System Board of Regents to conduct a review of hiring and tenure
22 procedures to determine if appropriate policies exist to prevent the hiring of and, if
23 necessary, the timely dismissal of faculty failing to meet honorable academic
24 standards of conduct expected by students, parents, and taxpayers; and, be it further

