



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

February 20, 2012 - Introduced by Senators SCHULTZ, MILLER, ERPENBACH, WIRCH, VINEHOUT, TAYLOR, C. LARSON, LASSA, RISSER and S. COGGS, cosponsored by Representatives MARKLEIN, BROOKS, C. TAYLOR, HEBL, HULSEY, A. OTT, JORGENSEN, POCAN, SINICKI, TRANEL, KERKMAN, RINGHAND, SPANBAUER, BIES, STRACHOTA, POPE-ROBERTS, BERCEAU and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** commending Madison Area Technical College on its 100th anniversary.

2             Whereas, the Madison Industrial School first began offering courses in 1912 to  
3     63 students ages 14-16 in a fire station just east of the State Capitol; and

4             Whereas, by 1932, the Madison School of Vocational Education was serving  
5     nearly 8,000 students from five area school districts, upgrading their skills to find  
6     employment in the midst of the Great Depression; and

7             Whereas, during World War II, the school offered courses around the clock to  
8     train women and men to meet the wartime production needs of the nation; and

9             Whereas, in 1966, the Madison Vocational, Technical, and Adult Schools began  
10    to offer college transfer courses to meet the needs of veterans returning from the  
11    Vietnam War; and

12            Whereas, in the 1980s, Madison Area Technical College offered on-the-job  
13    training to businesses that were beginning to integrate computers into the  
14    workplace and produced graduates trained to operate and service the new  
15    information technology; and

1           Whereas, as a result of the Great Recession, the college experienced record  
2 enrollment growth as individuals of all ages came to upgrade skills, obtain new  
3 training, and prepare themselves for new careers; and

4           Whereas, Madison Area Technical College now serves approximately 40,000  
5 students annually; and

6           Whereas, Madison Area Technical College has worked to increase educational  
7 opportunities for all students by offering courses on-line, creating accelerated  
8 degree programs for working students, and integrating adult basic education with  
9 skills training, all in an effort to meet the needs of businesses and communities in  
10 south-central Wisconsin; and

11           Whereas, Madison Area Technical College will continue its historic mission of  
12 training and educating individuals to promote both their own self-sufficiency and  
13 the broader economic development of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

14           **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature  
15 commends the work and efforts of Madison Area Technical College and joins it in  
16 celebrating a century of success.

17   **(END)**