



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 55

May 31, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives SNYDER, SPIROS, ROHRKASTE, TITTL, KULP, SHANKLAND, EDMING, ANDERSON, STEFFEN, VANDERMEER, BERCEAU, RIPP, MURPHY and HUTTON, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, L. TAYLOR, VUKMIR, CARPENTER, DARLING, BEWLEY, WANGGAARD, OLSEN and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending and congratulating the Medical College of Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, the history of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) dates back to
3 1893, with the founding of the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons, and,
4 later that decade, the Milwaukee Medical College; and

5 Whereas, the Milwaukee Medical College joined with Marquette University in
6 1907, merged with the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons to officially
7 become the Marquette University School of Medicine in 1913, separated from
8 Marquette University in 1967, and was eventually renamed the Medical College of
9 Wisconsin in 1970; and

10 Whereas, MCW's current culture reflects the words spoken by Dr. John
11 Bowman during the school's first capital campaign, "The people want the very best
12 and will have nothing second rate"; and

13 Whereas, MCW has met this charge, providing world-class medical education,
14 patient care, biomedical research, and community engagement to improve the health
15 of the communities it serves; and

1 Whereas, in order to help address physician shortages in medically
2 underserved regions of the state, and in the spirit of excellence and deep commitment
3 to training Wisconsin's next generation of physicians, MCW embarked upon the
4 creation of two new medical education programs, the first being MCW-Green Bay
5 in northeast Wisconsin, followed by MCW-Central Wisconsin; and

6 Whereas, building upon decades of strong partnership and collaboration, the
7 State of Wisconsin partnered with MCW in the 2013-2015 biennial budget to provide
8 MCW with nearly \$7.4 million in State Building Commission funding for the
9 development of these new medical schools; and

10 Whereas, MCW-Central Wisconsin is designed to recruit and integrate medical
11 students into the very fabric of the communities they will eventually serve as
12 tomorrow's physicians; and

13 Whereas, MCW-Central Wisconsin officially opened with its inaugural class of
14 medical students in July 2016; and

15 Whereas, numerous academic and health system partners in the central
16 Wisconsin region have all come together with MCW to create a truly unique and
17 community-based medical education for the inaugural class of MCW-Central
18 Wisconsin medical students, as well as generations of students and physicians yet
19 to come; now, therefore, be it

20 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
21 commends and congratulates the Medical College of Wisconsin for its deep
22 commitment to improving the health and well-being of the citizens of the state of
23 Wisconsin and wishes success for MCW-Central Wisconsin and its current and
24 future students for years to come.

25 (END)