



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 39

May 14, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives JORGENSEN, BALLWEG, BERCEAU, HEBL, HINTZ, HORLACHER, KERKMAN, KOLSTE, LOUDENBECK, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, POPE, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, VOS and WACHS, cosponsored by Senators RINGHAND, BEWLEY, DARLING, HARSDORF, LASSA, MARKLEIN, MILLER, NASS, L. TAYLOR and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending and congratulating Chancellor Richard J. Telfer for his
2 contributions to the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater and to the state of
3 Wisconsin.

4 Whereas, Richard J. Telfer will retire from his position as chancellor of the
5 University of Wisconsin–Whitewater on June 30, 2015; and

6 Whereas, Richard J. Telfer was appointed as chancellor in 2008 and has served
7 UW–Whitewater as provost, vice–chancellor, associate vice–chancellor, assistant
8 dean of the graduate school, chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction,
9 professor, and assistant professor; and

10 Whereas, Richard J. Telfer served as interim president of the University of
11 Wisconsin System after the departure of President Kevin Reilly in October 2013 until
12 the appointment of President Ray Cross in February 2014; and

13 Whereas, during Chancellor Telfer’s tenure, UW–Whitewater established
14 several nationally recognized programs including the Academic Advising and

1 Exploration Center, the Undergraduate Research Program, the McNair Scholars
2 Program, and the Honors Program; and

3 Whereas, under Chancellor Telfer's guidance, UW-Whitewater has
4 strengthened retention and graduation rates, developed freshmen learning
5 communities, reached record enrollment, completed the largest fundraising
6 campaign in the university's history with more than \$48 million secured, established
7 the university's first doctoral program, and initiated the new student seminar; and

8 Whereas, Chancellor Telfer established a partnership with the City of
9 Whitewater to build and develop the successful Innovation Center and Technology
10 Park; and

11 Whereas, UW-Whitewater won 22 national athletic championships during
12 Chancellor Telfer's tenure; and

13 Whereas, Chancellor Telfer's leadership has ensured that students will have a
14 modern learning environment for many years to come; and

15 Whereas, despite the challenges facing higher education, Chancellor Telfer has
16 never lost sight of the importance of a well-rounded liberal arts education and the
17 capacity of institutions like UW-Whitewater to produce value; and

18 Whereas, Chancellor Telfer has been a respected voice in higher education
19 throughout the state, and UW-Whitewater has flourished under his tenure; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
22 legislature commends and congratulates Chancellor Richard J. Telfer for his
23 contributions to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and to the state of
24 Wisconsin and wishes him a long and healthy retirement with his wife, Roni, and
25 their family; and, be it further

