

## 1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

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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**(END)**