2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 115

March 11, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives Kreuser, Kerkmann, Steinbrink, Vos, Turner and Mason, cosponsored by Senators Lehman and Wirch. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: commending Chancellor John P. Keating on his commitment to excellence in higher education.

Whereas, Chancellor John P. “Jack” Keating is ending a career of excellence in higher education; and

Whereas, Chancellor Keating served as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin−Parkside for ten successful years; and

Whereas, Chancellor Keating is a native of San Francisco and has spent more than 36 years in public education, earned his Ph.D. in social psychology from Ohio State University, and from there moved to join the psychology faculty at the University of Washington; and

Whereas, at the University of Washington Chancellor Keating was appointed founding dean and vice provost of two new University of Washington campuses and also served as the first provost at the University of Alaska−Fairbanks; and

Whereas, Chancellor Keating achieved countless goals throughout his time at UW−Parkside, including stabilizing and growing enrollment to 5,100 students from
55 Wisconsin counties making UW–Parkside the most diverse student body in the
UW System, establishing the Center for Community Partnerships, championing
student success initiatives, and establishing the Chancellor’s Task Force on
Environmental Stewardship; and

Whereas, during Chancellor Keating’s time, UW–Parkside was the only
university in Wisconsin and one of 64 universities nationwide to be designated an
“engaged campus” by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching;

and

Whereas, Chancellor Keating led the effort to establish numerous business
partnerships and served on many boards, including the National Advisory Board of
the Red Cross in Washington, D.C., for five years where he convened and chaired an
international meeting of high-rise evacuation experts in New York City to study
lessons learned from the World Trade Center tragedy; and

Whereas, over $100,000,000 in building programs, including the expansion of
the student union and communication arts building, were initiated by Chancellor
Keating, and his willingness to work tirelessly with state legislators to bring funding
to the campus and UW System was unparalleled; and

Whereas, Chancellor Keating made UW–Parkside an example of the essence
of higher education, and we take this opportunity to celebrate this exemplary leader
whose humble, mild-mannered approach never failed to persuade others to see his
light; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
Wisconsin legislature commend Chancellor Keating for his lifetime commitment to
higher education and dedication to making UW–Parkside an institution of higher learning that is in his very accurate words, “excellent education for everyone.”