March 10, 2008 – Introduced by Senators Risser, Olsen, Erpenbach, Harsdorf and Miller, cosponsored by Representatives Black, Cullen, Boyle, Jeskewitz, Hebl, Mason, Berceau and Soletski. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: commending Chancellor John D. Wiley for his outstanding service to the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, Chancellor John D. Wiley was a graduate student in physics when he first came to the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1964, returning to campus a decade later and embarking on a 30-plus year career as a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and serving as Dean of the Graduate School and Provost; and

Whereas, since assuming the role of the university’s chief executive officer on January 1, 2001, Wiley has led UW–Madison through a period of major growth in diversity, infrastructure, research funding, access, and service–learning and study–abroad opportunities for students; and

Whereas, as chancellor, Wiley has promoted extraordinary growth and preeminence in the biosciences, planned for the future of interdisciplinary research through the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, and helped foster landmark scientific achievements in stem cell research; and
Whereas, Wiley recognized the need to diversify the university’s revenues and
enthusiastically sought outside funding from a devoted alumni base through efforts
in which the university, through its foundation, raised more money during the past
six years than during its entire history; and

Whereas, Wiley’s fundraising efforts included spearheading the successful $1.8
billion Create the Future capital campaign and millions of dollars in gifts to the
university for specific endeavors such as establishing the East Campus Mall and arts
corridor, expansion of the Chazen Museum of Art, many scholarships, endowed
chairs, renovated buildings, and specific program support; and

Whereas, Wiley ensured that UW–Madison will remain deeply committed to
keeping the doors of higher education wide open to residents of the state and beyond
by balancing the competing interests of access, quality, resources and affordability
while ensuring that the campus facility master plan will enable the university’s
commitment to higher education and research in the state to remain strong; and

Whereas, Wiley has consistently supported a vision that connects student life
and the academic side of the university through the Wisconsin Experience, which
includes residential–learning communities, undergraduate research and leadership
initiatives, service–learning classes, community–based research and study abroad,
as well as volunteerism coordinated by the Morgridge Center for Public Service; now,
therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the members of the
Wisconsin legislature do commend and congratulate John D. Wiley for his
outstanding service to our state as Chancellor of the University of
Wisconsin–Madison and his many successes; and, be it further
Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint resolution to the University of Wisconsin–Madison and John D. Wiley and his family.

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