



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 52

1 **Relating to:** commending the public service of Elizabeth Burmaster.

2 Whereas, Elizabeth Burmaster has served as our elected state superintendent
3 of public instruction since 2001, with re-election in 2005 to the nonpartisan
4 constitutional office; and

5 Whereas, before being elected state superintendent, Elizabeth Burmaster
6 served as both a teacher and an administrator at every level in Wisconsin's public
7 schools for over 25 years; and

8 Whereas, State Superintendent Burmaster's administration has focused on the
9 New Wisconsin Promise, dedicated to raising the achievement of all students and
10 closing the achievement gap between children of color and economically
11 disadvantaged children and their peers; and

12 Whereas, State Superintendent Burmaster has advanced the investment in
13 early learning opportunities so that 319 school districts now have four-year-old
14 kindergarten, has ensured quality educators in every classroom and building
15 through the implementation of the Wisconsin Quality Educator Initiative, and has

1 set high standards for rigorous and relevant twenty-first century content and skills;
2 and

3 Whereas, State Superintendent Burmaster has served on the University of
4 Wisconsin Board of Regents, the Wisconsin Technical College System Board, the
5 Governor's Council on Workforce Development, the Governor's State Advisory
6 Council on Early Childhood Education and Care, and the Wisconsin PK-16
7 Leadership Council, thereby strengthening the linkage of PK-12 education,
8 post-secondary education, and workforce development; and

9 Whereas, State Superintendent Burmaster has extended her vision and
10 leadership to a national level as president and member of the board of directors of
11 the Council of Chief State School Officers, member of the National Board of Advisors
12 for Pre-K Now, and board member and chair of the National Center for Learning and
13 Citizenship; and

14 Whereas, State Superintendent Burmaster has championed global connections
15 for the students, teachers, and citizens of Wisconsin by establishing the Statewide
16 International Education Council, convening Wisconsin's first International
17 Education Summit, and promoting world languages and cultures through
18 agreements with Germany, France, Japan, and Thailand; and

19 Whereas, State Superintendent Burmaster will continue her involvement in
20 education as president of Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature
23 commends Elizabeth Burmaster on her dedication to public service in her career as

1 a teacher, an administrator, and the state superintendent and wishes her success in
2 her future endeavors.

3 (END)