



## 2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39

1     **Relating to:** commending Gateway Technical College on its 100th anniversary.

2             Whereas, when it was established under the leadership of Governor Francis E.  
3     McGovern on July 11, 1911, the Racine Continuation School became the first publicly  
4     funded compulsory vocational continuation school in the United States; and

5             Whereas, the Racine Continuation School first began classes in November  
6     1911; and

7             Whereas, the Wisconsin Technical College System grew from the success of the  
8     Racine Continuation School model; and

9             Whereas, by 1972, the new state Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education  
10     District was established, encompassing Racine County, Kenosha County, and  
11     Walworth County, was named the Gateway Technical Institute, and was later  
12     renamed Gateway Technical College; and

13             Whereas, Gateway Technical College now offers more than 65 instructional and  
14     career-training programs on its campuses and long-distance learning

1 opportunities, such as online courses, to approximately 29,000 students annually;  
2 and

3 Whereas, Gateway Technical College has worked to increase educational  
4 opportunities for all its students by creating transfer agreements with four-year  
5 colleges and universities; and

6 Whereas, Gateway Technical College has played an integral role in developing  
7 a skilled workforce throughout its history, and is now providing the education and  
8 resources necessary to promote economic recovery and foster economic development;  
9 and

10 Whereas, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary, Gateway Technical College  
11 continues to lead the nation in preparing its students for skilled careers; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature  
14 commends the good work of the Gateway Technical College and the entire Wisconsin  
15 Technical College System, and joins Gateway Technical College in celebrating a  
16 century of success.

17 (END)