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2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 65

February 20, 2012 – Introduced by Senators Schultz, Miller, Erpenbach, Wirch, Vinehout, Taylor, C. Larson, Lassa, Risser and S. Coggs, cosponsored by Representatives Marklein, Brooks, C. Taylor, Hebl, Hulsey, A. Ott, Jorgensen, Pocan, Sinicki, Tranel, Kerkman, Ringhand, Spanbauer, Bies, Strachota, Pope-Roberts, Berceau and Roys. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: commending Madison Area Technical College on its 100th anniversary.
2	Whereas, the Madison Industrial School first began offering courses in 1912 to
3	63 students ages 14–16 in a fire station just east of the State Capitol; and
4	Whereas, by 1932, the Madison School of Vocational Education was serving
5	nearly 8,000 students from five area school districts, upgrading their skills to find
6	employment in the midst of the Great Depression; and
7	Whereas, during World War II, the school offered courses around the clock to
8	train women and men to meet the wartime production needs of the nation; and
9	Whereas, in 1966, the Madison Vocational, Technical, and Adult Schools began
10	to offer college transfer courses to meet the needs of veterans returning from the
11	Vietnam War; and
12	Whereas, in the 1980s, Madison Area Technical College offered on-the-job
13	training to businesses that were beginning to integrate computers into the
14	workplace and produced graduates trained to operate and service the new
15	information technology; and

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Whereas, as a result of the Great Recession, the college experienced record
enrollment growth as individuals of all ages came to upgrade skills, obtain new
training, and prepare themselves for new careers; and
Whereas, Madison Area Technical College now serves approximately 40,000
students annually; and
Whereas, Madison Area Technical College has worked to increase educational
opportunities for all students by offering courses on-line, creating accelerated
degree programs for working students, and integrating adult basic education with
skills training, all in an effort to meet the needs of businesses and communities in
south-central Wisconsin; and
Whereas, Madison Area Technical College will continue its historic mission of
training and educating individuals to promote both their own self–sufficiency and
the broader economic development of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
commends the work and efforts of Madison Area Technical College and joins it in
celebrating a century of success.
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