2011 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 26

March 15, 2012 – Introduced by Representatives BARCA, MASON, CLARK, BERNARD SCHABER, HEBL, TURNER, BEWLEY, DANOU, ROYS, HULSEY, ZAMARRIPA, JORGENSEN, POPE-ROBERTS, SINICKI, MILROY, KESSLER, VRUWINK, POCAN, HINTZ, RINGHAND, C. TAYLOR, SEIDEL, BILLINGS, YOUNG, E. COGGS, PASCH and TOLES.

Relating to: privatization of custodial workers at the capitol and executive office buildings.

Whereas, the department of administration is planning to privatize custodial services at the capitol and executive office buildings; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that throughout the history of the state, these essential jobs have been held by state employees; and

Whereas, Ingeborg Sidwell, a washer-woman and custodial worker at the capitol, was instrumental in personally lobbying Governor Goodland to approve the law that created the modern Wisconsin Retirement System in 1943; and

Whereas, we recognize the hard work of these dedicated public employees who keep our offices clean and assist whenever needed; and

Whereas, over the years many legislators and staff have developed personal relationships with custodial staff; and

Whereas, we have all benefited from the professional manner with which the state custodial staff execute their duties; now, therefore, be it
Resolved by the assembly, That the members of the assembly oppose any move to convert or replace current state custodial workers at the capitol and executive office buildings with private workers.