2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 90


Relating to: commending the Milwaukee Area Technical College for their dedicated commitment to students, their families, and the Milwaukee area community through their outstanding work in creating the MATC Promise program.

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College has been providing degrees, diplomas, and life-long learning opportunities for Milwaukee area residents for over 100 years; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, since its founding, has represented the best of what the Milwaukee community has aspired its educational institutions to strive for and achieve; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College has successfully accepted the challenges presented to it by the community, from ending child labor in favor of continuing education, to adapting the curriculum to rapid advances in technology by using industry professionals to teach classes, to establishing offices and programs to provide courses for the rapidly growing community, and to serving as a hub for
rapidly growing industry sectors that will define Milwaukee commerce for the next
generation; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College has fully embraced the idea
that a quality, affordable, and accessible education is key to upward social mobility
in our community; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College estimates that 83 percent of
Milwaukee Public Schools students identify as low-income and face significant
challenges meeting the expenses that students incur when studying at
postsecondary educational institutions; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, through the MATC
Foundation, has established the MATC Promise program, a privately funded
program that will allow low-income students who meet certain academic standards
to attend the Milwaukee Area Technical College tuition-free next fall; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College understands the unique
challenges that many first-generation college students face upon beginning their
studies, and will implement programs to help them take advantage of the many
opportunities and options they will be presented with; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, through the MATC Promise
program, expects to enroll approximately 1,000 members in the initial class of
Promise scholars and will provide the opportunity to gain an education and to
undoubtedly realize their own version of the American dream along with countless
scholars in the future; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That Representative
Jocasta Zamarripa, on behalf of the Wisconsin Assembly, under Assembly Rule 97,
hereby commends the Milwaukee Area Technical College for their dedicated
commitment to students, their families, and the Milwaukee area community
through their outstanding work in creating the MATC Promise program.

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