March 10, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives STUBBS, HONG, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BILLINGS, BOWEN, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DRAKE, GOYKE, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, RIEMER, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SUBECK, VRUWINK, KURTZ, WITTE, ORTIZ-VELEZ and NOVAK, cosponsored by Senators ROYS, AGARD, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, JOHNSON, LARSON, PFAFF and DARLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring Dr. Rebecca M. Blank.

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor, Dr. Rebecca Blank, has had an enormous impact on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus and community; and

Whereas, Chancellor Blank’s collaborative and bold leadership invigorated growth and excellence within the University, already a hub for education, research, knowledge, and innovation; and

Whereas, Chancellor Blank’s introduction of Bucky’s Tuition Promise saw a more diverse and inclusive student body emerge, in which students from low-income families and students of color could seek the benefits of attending one of the nation’s most prestigious public universities; and

Whereas, Chancellor Blank’s commitment to furthering diversity and inclusion earned her the 2021 Posse Foundation Star Award for her leadership in educational equity; and
Whereas, Chancellor Blank’s research and policy portfolio secured her designation as the 2021 Distinguished Fellow of the American Economic Association; and

Whereas, Chancellor Blank made good on her promise to leave the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus and community better than when she started; and

Whereas, Chancellor Blank will be leaving the University of Wisconsin–Madison to become the first female president of Northwestern University, continuing to make a difference at yet another prestigious institution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature join in honoring Dr. Rebecca M. Blank as an inspirational and cherished leader of the University of Wisconsin–Madison and in thanking her for her service to our state.

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