2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 145

March 10, 2022 – Introduced by Representatives CONSIDINE, TRANEL, KURTZ, HESSELBEIN, NOVAK, HEBL, HINTZ, RAMTHUN, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, STUBBS, VRUWINK, SUdeck, Spreitzer and Murphy, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN, ERPENBACH and BEWLEY. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring Dr. Dennis J. Shields as a cherished and impactful leader of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and thanking him for his service.

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chancellor, Dr. Dennis J. Shields, has positively impacted the University of Wisconsin-Platteville campus and community; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields has served as a skilled, efficient, and dynamic leader of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville since 2010, dedicated to improving the university; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields oversaw the merger of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Richland, ensuring the transition was smooth and everyone’s voices were heard; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields worked with the legislature and Governor Scott Walker to provide the resources needed to renovate classrooms, labs, and meeting spaces at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville’s Boebel Hall and build the new
Sesquicentennial Hall, which is a state-of-the-art engineering building, to help students reach their academic and professional goals; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields earned a Bachelor in Business Administration from Graceland College and a Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa College of Law; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields has dedicated his life to improving access to higher education, serving as a bridge to middle-class Americans and Americans from underrepresented communities; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields has served in many roles throughout his career, starting as the Assistant Director of Admissions at the University of Iowa College of Law, where he helped to expand the diversity of candidates for admissions by a factor of two; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields is the first Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group of the National Collegiate Athletics Association for Division III, working to foster equitable participation for student-athletes, coaches, and administrators from diverse backgrounds; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields’s focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion has helped the University of Wisconsin–Platteville evolve, as the number of students from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds has doubled throughout his time as leader; and

Whereas, Chancellor Shields will be leaving the University of Wisconsin–Platteville to become the next president of Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature join in honoring Dr. Dennis J. Shields as a cherished and
impactful leader of the University of Wisconsin–Platteville and in thanking him for
his service to our state.

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