



2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 117

March 11, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives BLACK, CULLEN, BOYLE, JESKEWITZ, HEBL, MASON, BERCEAU and SOLETSKI, cosponsored by Senators RISSER, OLSEN, ERPENBACH, HARS DORF and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commending Chancellor John D. Wiley for his outstanding service to
2 the state of Wisconsin.

3 Whereas, Chancellor John D. Wiley was a graduate student in physics when he
4 first came to the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1964, returning to campus a
5 decade later and embarking on a 30–plus year career as a professor in the
6 Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and serving as Dean of the
7 Graduate School and Provost; and

8 Whereas, since assuming the role of the university’s chief executive officer on
9 January 1, 2001, Wiley has led UW–Madison through a period of major growth in
10 diversity, infrastructure, research funding, access, and service–learning and
11 study–abroad opportunities for students; and

12 Whereas, as chancellor, Wiley has promoted extraordinary growth and
13 preeminence in the biosciences, planned for the future of interdisciplinary research
14 through the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery, and helped foster landmark
15 scientific achievements in stem cell research; and

1 Whereas, Wiley recognized the need to diversify the university’s revenues and
2 enthusiastically sought outside funding from a devoted alumni base through efforts
3 in which the university, through its foundation, raised more money during the past
4 six years than during its entire history; and

5 Whereas, Wiley’s fundraising efforts included spearheading the successful \$1.8
6 billion Create the Future capital campaign and millions of dollars in gifts to the
7 university for specific endeavors such as establishing the East Campus Mall and arts
8 corridor, expansion of the Chazen Museum of Art, many scholarships, endowed
9 chairs, renovated buildings, and specific program support; and

10 Whereas, Wiley ensured that UW–Madison will remain deeply committed to
11 keeping the doors of higher education wide open to residents of the state and beyond
12 by balancing the competing interests of access, quality, resources and affordability
13 while ensuring that the campus facility master plan will enable the university’s
14 commitment to higher education and research in the state to remain strong; and

15 Whereas, Wiley has consistently supported a vision that connects student life
16 and the academic side of the university through the Wisconsin Experience, which
17 includes residential–learning communities, undergraduate research and leadership
18 initiatives, service–learning classes, community–based research and study abroad,
19 as well as volunteerism coordinated by the Morgridge Center for Public Service; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
22 Wisconsin legislature do commend and congratulate John D. Wiley for his
23 outstanding service to our state as Chancellor of the University of
24 Wisconsin–Madison and his many successes; and, be it further

