



## 2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

June 6, 2007 – Introduced by Senators ROBSON, COGGS, LEHMAN, HARSDORF, LASSA, OLSEN, SULLIVAN, RISSER, PLALE, MILLER, ERPENBACH, ROESSLER, DARLING and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives HUEBSCH, J. FITZGERALD, JESKEWITZ, TRAVIS, HAHN, BLACK, A. OTT, BERCEAU, PETROWSKI, TURNER, TOWNSEND and BOYLE. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** David C. Mills’ dedicated public service on behalf of all Wisconsin  
2           citizens, particularly the members of the Wisconsin Retirement System.  
3           Whereas, David C. Mills was born on May 11, 1948; and  
4           Whereas, David C. Mills, after graduating from Brookfield East High School,  
5           earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in public policy  
6           from the University of Wisconsin–Madison; and  
7           Whereas, David C. Mills devoted his career to Wisconsin public service, having  
8           held leadership positions at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, the Department  
9           of Health and Social Services, the Department of Employee Trust Funds, and the  
10          State of Wisconsin Investment Board; and  
11          Whereas, at the Department of Employee Trust Funds, which administers  
12          benefits for members of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS), David C. Mills  
13          served as deputy secretary and chief operating officer for 12 years prior to joining the  
14          State of Wisconsin Investment Board as executive director in 2003; and

1           Whereas, the State of Wisconsin Investment Board invests the assets of the  
2 WRS; and under David C. Mills’ leadership, the assets under management increased  
3 from \$65 billion to \$94 billion and benefit payments totaling approximately \$10  
4 billion were paid to 137,000 former educators and public employees; and

5           Whereas, the WRS has grown to become the ninth largest public pension fund  
6 and the 25th largest public or private pension fund in the world during his  
7 association with the fund; and

8           Whereas, David C. Mills has gained broad recognition and respect for his  
9 commitment to public service, his integrity, the quality of leadership he has provided,  
10 his helpful advice to legislators of both political parties, and his dedication to  
11 protecting the financial security of WRS participants and their families; and

12           Whereas, David C. Mills has not only earned the respect of Wisconsinites, but  
13 became a nationally respected leader in the public pension field having been elected  
14 by fellow administrators and trustees to serve as president of the National Council  
15 on Teacher Retirement, an organization that represents 77 public retirement  
16 systems covering the nation’s 16 million educators; and

17           Whereas, after dedicating more than 35 years to the service of Wisconsin and  
18 its citizens, David C. Mills has announced his decision to retire; now, therefore, be  
19 it

20           ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the  
21 Wisconsin legislature commend the devoted public service of David C. Mills and  
22 express their best wishes in his future pursuits; and, be it further

23           ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
24 resolution to David C. Mills.