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2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 83

December 16, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Clark, Hulsey, Knilans, Pope-Roberts, Vruwink, Pasch, Danou, Bewley, Hintz, Jorgensen, Sinicki, Berceau, Fields, Mason, Toles, Ringhand, Bernard Schaber, Hebl, Pocan, Grigsby, Roys, Steinbrink, Young, Richards, Seidel, Barca, C. Taylor and Doyle, cosponsored by Senators C. Larson, Risser, Schultz, Jauch, Vinehout, Erpenbach, Shilling, Taylor and King. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: honoring Wisconsin's retiring teachers for their years of service and contributions to our state's educational system and its students.

Whereas, Wisconsin's teachers are responsible for our state's long-held reputation for quality schools and a top-notch educational system which is ranked number one in the nation for graduation rates; and

Whereas, more Wisconsin students take advanced placement classes today than at any other time in state history, with two-thirds taking the ACT test upon graduation, putting Wisconsin in the top three nationally, and with three-quarters of graduates continuing on to post-secondary schools; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's quality education is due to the tireless dedication and passion of our state's teachers who often sacrifice personal time to their classroom and school and make themselves available to their students after class to assist those who need additional instruction or help; and

Whereas, along with the traditional reading, writing, and arithmetic, teachers today devote time to providing their students with the life skills needed to become

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successful adults, parents, and working professionals, including time management, health and fitness, budgeting and finance, and communication techniques; and Whereas, because of our teachers, today's students will become part of tomorrow's educated workforce, a workforce necessary for the continuation of our state's and nation's economic prosperity; and

Whereas, almost three thousand of Wisconsin's teachers chose to retire in 2011, the largest single reduction of public sector employees in the history of Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature recognize the hard work, commitment, and dedication of Wisconsin's teachers to educating our children and extend their heartfelt gratitude to those who have chosen to retire.

13 (END)