

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## **2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 78**

February 21, 2014 – Introduced by Senators GUDEX, L. TAYLOR, HARSDORF, MILLER and LEIBHAM, cosponsored by Representatives HINTZ, BERNARD SCHABER, BALLWEG, MARKLEIN, MURPHY, THIESFELDT, HESSELBEIN, DANOU, SCHRAA, OHNSTAD, WACHS, KAUFERT, KAHL, BEWLEY and C. TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: commending and congratulating Chancellor Richard H. Wells for his
2	contributions to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the state of
3	Wisconsin.
4	Whereas, Richard H. Wells will retire from his position as chancellor of the
5	University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh effective August 31, 2014; and
6	Whereas, Richard H. Wells was appointed as chancellor in 2000 and is
7	UW-Oshkosh's tenth, and third-longest-serving, chancellor; and
8	Whereas, during his tenure, UW–Oshkosh saw a record 19 percent enrollment
9	increase and a 30 percent increase in conferred degrees; and
10	Whereas, under Chancellor Wells's guidance, UW-Oshkosh enhanced its
11	facilities by completing and launching approximately \$320 million in construction
12	projects from 2000 through 2015, blending \$160 million in state investment with
13	\$111 million in program revenue (from residence hall fee to business service fee
14	revenues) and more than \$45 million in donor/university/private sector partnership
15	investment; and

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1	Whereas, major capital projects completed under Chancellor Wells's tenure
2	include the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, Horizon Village, Sage Hall, and
3	the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center; and
4	Whereas, Chancellor Wells's leadership has ensured that students will have a
5	modern learning environment for many years to come; and
6	Whereas, despite the challenges facing higher education, Chancellor Wells has
7	never lost sight of the importance of a well-rounded liberal arts education and the
8	capacity of institutions like UW–Oshkosh to produce value; and
9	Whereas, Chancellor Wells has advocated a broad view of the role of higher
10	education in the knowledge economy as a partner with the private sector to ensure
11	workforce development through efforts to provide highly skilled graduates aligned
12	with current and emerging careers; and
13	Whereas, Chancellor Wells has also advanced and championed economic
14	development through innovative and collaborative support for new and existing
15	businesses; and
16	Whereas, Chancellor Wells has been a respected voice in higher education
17	throughout the state, and UW-Oshkosh has flourished under his tenure; now,
18	therefore, be it
19	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
20	legislature commends and congratulates Chancellor Richard H. Wells for his
21	contributions to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and to the state of Wisconsin
22	and wishes him a long and healthy retirement; and, be it further
23	<i>Resolved, That</i> the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to
24	Chancellor Richard H. Wells.
25	(END)