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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 99

January 18, 2018 - Introduced by Representatives RODRIGUEZ, R. BROOKS, JACQUE, JAGLER, HUTTON, KOOYENGA, LOUDENBECK, SANFELIPPO, SCHRAA, SPIROS, THIESFELDT, FELZKOWSKI, KATZMA and TUSLER, cosponsored by Senators STROEBEL, VUKMIR, DARLING, CRAIG, WANGGAARD and KAPENGA. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** declaring January 21–27, 2018, School Choice Week and recognizing
2 the importance of giving parents the choice in the educational path for their
3 children.

4 Whereas, the school choice program was first launched in Milwaukee in 1990
5 to offer low-income students the opportunity to pick their schools; and

6 Whereas, the Milwaukee parental choice program was the first of its kind in the
7 United States and has since grown to educate more than 28,700 students in 126
8 schools; and

9 Whereas, if the Milwaukee parental choice program was a school district, it
10 would be the second largest in the state; and

11 Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature expanded school choice to Racine in 2011,
12 state-wide in 2013, and to the special needs scholarships in 2015; and

13 Whereas, the statewide and Racine programs educate more than 7,500
14 students in 187 schools; and

1 Whereas, choice schools see significant success in student achievement and are
2 regularly lauded as innovators in education; and

3 Whereas, the largest school choice option in Wisconsin is open enrollment, with
4 over 55,000 students statewide transferring school districts; and

5 Whereas, charter and virtual schools provide another educational option to
6 families; now, therefore, be it

7 **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the Wisconsin
8 Legislature hereby declares January 21–27, 2018, School Choice Week and
9 recognizes the importance of giving parents the choice in the educational path for
10 their children.

11 (END)