



## 2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 66

October 22, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives BERNARD SCHABER, RICHARDS, BERCEAU, BEWLEY, BIES, JORGENSEN, KAHL, KAUFERT, MURPHY, MURTHA, OHNSTAD, A. OTT and WRIGHT, cosponsored by Senators ELLIS, T. CULLEN, LASSA, LEHMAN and MILLER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** the life and service of former Lawrence University president Richard  
2         Warch.

3         Whereas, Richard Warch was born on August 4, 1939, in Hackensack, New  
4     Jersey, and died on September 14, 2013, at the age of 74 from thymoma cancer; and

5         Whereas, Richard Warch received his bachelor's degree in history from  
6     Williams College in 1961, received his bachelor of divinity degree from the Yale  
7     Divinity School in 1964, and received his Ph.D. in American studies from Yale  
8     University in 1968; and

9         Whereas, Richard Warch began his career in higher education at Yale  
10    University, where he taught history and American studies for nine years, serving as  
11    director of its National Humanities Institute for two years and as associate dean and  
12    director of the Visiting Faculty Program for one year; and

13         Whereas, Richard Warch moved to Appleton, Wisconsin, in 1977 to become a  
14    professor of history and the vice president of academic affairs at Lawrence  
15    University; and

1           Whereas, in 1979 Richard Warch was named the fourteenth president of  
2 Lawrence University and served as the face and voice of the college until his  
3 retirement in 2004; and

4           Whereas, his 25-year presidency is the second longest in Lawrence University's  
5 long and proud history; and

6           Whereas, nearly one-third of Lawrence University's 20,000 living alumni  
7 graduated during Richard Warch's presidency; and

8           Whereas, during the tenure of Richard Warch, Lawrence University built six  
9 new campus buildings, including a campus center that was named in honor of  
10 Richard Warch and his wife, Margot, and eight other buildings received major  
11 renovations; and

12           Whereas, under the leadership of Richard Warch, Lawrence University's  
13 endowment grew from \$23 million to \$182 million; and

14           Whereas, a major part of Richard Warch's legacy at Lawrence University was  
15 the establishment of Björklunden, the University's 425-acre northern campus in  
16 Door County, which has become an integral part of a Lawrence education; and

17           Whereas, Richard Warch was a tireless and effective advocate for a liberal arts  
18 education; and

19           Whereas, Richard Warch oversaw a comprehensive curriculum review, which  
20 produced a new set of general education requirements at Lawrence University; and

21           Whereas, Richard Warch transformed the Conservatory of Music by expanding  
22 its curricular scope, encouraging students from the University and the Conservatory  
23 to sample each other's worlds and bring music into Lawrence's broad liberal arts  
24 curriculum; and

1           Whereas, the 1987 study “The Effective College President,” a two-year project  
2           by the Exxon Education Foundation, named Richard Warch one of the nation’s top  
3           100 college presidents; and

4           Whereas, in 1999 Richard Warch was named to the executive committee of the  
5           Annapolis Group, an association of more than 100 of America’s leading liberal arts  
6           colleges; and

7           Whereas, Richard Warch is the author of *School of the Prophets: Yale College,*  
8           *1701-1740* and coeditor of the volume *John Brown* in the Prentice-Hall Great Lives  
9           Observed series; and

10          Whereas, in addition to his higher education responsibilities, Richard Warch  
11          served as a chair or director on numerous boards, including the boards of  
12          Competitive Wisconsin, Inc., Wausau Insurance Company, the National Association  
13          of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Associated Colleges of the Midwest,  
14          the Wisconsin Ethics Board, the Appleton Development Council, the Fox Cities  
15          Chamber of Commerce, and the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center; and

16          Whereas, Richard Warch spent his retirement in Ellison Bay becoming  
17          knowledgeable about the birds and wildflowers of Door County; traveling with his  
18          wife, Margot; and enjoying extended visits with his children, grandchildren, and  
19          friends; and

20          Whereas, Richard Warch was the loving husband of Margot and the beloved  
21          father of Stephen, David, and Karin; now, therefore, be it

22                 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
23          Wisconsin legislature commend the life and service of Richard Warch and mourn his  
24          passing, and extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

