

## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 **LEGISLATURE**



## **2011 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 39**

September 8, 2011 - Introduced by Senators Wanggaard, Kedzie, Wirch, Lazich, S. COGGS, COWLES, TAYLOR, LASSA and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives KERKMAN, VOS, TURNER, BARCA, STEINBRINK, CRAIG, PRIDEMORE, SPANBAUER, FIELDS, STRACHOTA, E. COGGS, SINICKI, A. OTT, JORGENSEN, ENDSLEY and MASON. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: commending Gateway Technical College on its 100th anniversary.
2	Whereas, when it was established under the leadership of Governor Francis E.
3	McGovern on July 11, 1911, the Racine Continuation School became the first publicly
4	funded compulsory vocational continuation school in the United States; and
5	Whereas, the Racine Continuation School first began classes in November
6	1911; and
7	Whereas, the Wisconsin Technical College System grew from the success of the
8	Racine Continuation School model; and
9	Whereas, by 1972, the new state Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education
10	District was established, encompassing Racine County, Kenosha County, and
11	Walworth County, was named the Gateway Technical Institute, and was later
12	renamed Gateway Technical College; and
13	Whereas, Gateway Technical College now offers more than 65 instructional and
14	career-training programs on its campuses and long-distance learning

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opportunities, such as online courses, to approximately 29,000 students annually; and

Whereas, Gateway Technical College has worked to increase educational opportunities for all its students by creating transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities; and

Whereas, Gateway Technical College has played an integral role in developing a skilled workforce throughout its history, and is now providing the education and resources necessary to promote economic recovery and foster economic development; and

Whereas, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary, Gateway Technical College continues to lead the nation in preparing its students for skilled careers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature commends the good work of the Gateway Technical College and the entire Wisconsin Technical College System, and joins Gateway Technical College in celebrating a century of success.

17 (END)