



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

