

ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

Relating to: celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of public charter schools during National Charter Schools Week, April 28 to May 2, 2003.

Whereas, the 4th annual National Charter Schools Week is being celebrated this week in Wisconsin and throughout the country; and

Whereas, Wisconsin, in 1993, was among the first 10 states to enact charter schools legislation and is a leader among the states in fostering community choices in public education through charter schools; and

Whereas, 128 public charter schools, serving more than 19,000 students, are operating throughout Wisconsin in the 2002–2003 school year; and

Whereas, Wisconsin's charter schools initiative is intended to improve student achievement, drive educational innovation, expand educational choices of parents and students, and foster continuous improvements in all public schools; and

Whereas, charter schools are open to all students, accountable to their authorizer, employ staff certified by the Department of Public Instruction, and participate in the state assessment system and, further, that charter schools are intended to stimulate change, innovation, and creativity that enhances student learning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, That the Wisconsin assembly joins the governor, state and federal officials, and all citizens in Wisconsin in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of public charter schools during National Charter Schools Week, April 28 to May 2, 2003.

State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly

Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk

Date