

2017 Assembly Joint Resolution 55

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: commending and congratulating the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Whereas, the history of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) dates back to 1893, with the founding of the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons, and, later that decade, the Milwaukee Medical College; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Medical College joined with Marquette University in 1907, merged with the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons to officially become the Marquette University School of Medicine in 1913, separated from Marquette University in 1967, and was eventually renamed the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1970; and

Whereas, MCW's current culture reflects the words spoken by Dr. John Bowman during the school's first capital campaign, "The people want the very best and will have nothing second rate"; and

Whereas, MCW has met this charge, providing world-class medical education, patient care, biomedical research, and community engagement to improve the health of the communities it serves; and

Whereas, in order to help address physician shortages in medically underserved regions of the state, and in the spirit of excellence and deep commitment to training Wisconsin's next generation of physicians, MCW embarked upon the creation of two new medical education programs, the first being MCW–Green Bay in northeast Wisconsin, followed by MCW–Central Wisconsin; and

Whereas, building upon decades of strong partnership and collaboration, the State of Wisconsin partnered with MCW in the 2013–2015 biennial budget to provide MCW with nearly \$7.4 million in State Building Commission funding for the development of these new medical schools; and

Whereas, MCW–Central Wisconsin is designed to recruit and integrate medical students into the very fabric of the communities they will eventually serve as tomorrow's physicians; and

Whereas, MCW-Central Wisconsin officially opened with its inaugural class of medical students in July 2016; and

Whereas, numerous academic and health system partners in the central Wisconsin region have all come together with MCW to create a truly unique and community-based medical education for the inaugural class of MCW-Central Wisconsin medical students, as well as generations of students and physicians yet to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature commends and congratulates the Medical College of Wisconsin for its deep commitment to improving the health and well-being of the citizens of the state of Wisconsin and wishes success for MCW-Central Wisconsin and its current and future students for years to come.

Senator Roger Roth President of the Senate Representative Robin J. Vos Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller Assembly Chief Clerk