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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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Relating to: declaring January 24 to 30, 2021, School Choice Week and recognizing 1 2 the importance of giving parents the choice in the educational path for their children. 3 4 Whereas, the school choice program was first launched in Milwaukee in 1990 5 to offer low-income students the opportunity to pick their schools; and 6 Whereas, the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program was the first of its kind in 7 the United States and has since grown to educate more than 28,900 students in 129 8 schools; and 9 Whereas, if the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program was a school district, it 10 would be the second largest in the state; and Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature expanded school choice to Racine in 2011, 11 statewide in 2013, and to the special needs scholarships in 2015; and 12 13 Whereas, the statewide and Racine programs educate more than 10,400

students in 239 schools; and

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1 Whereas, choice schools see significant success in student achievement and are 2 regularly lauded as innovators in education; and 3 Whereas, the largest school choice option in Wisconsin is open enrollment, with over 60,000 students statewide transferring school districts; and 4 5 Whereas, charter and virtual schools provide another educational option to 6 families; now, therefore, be it Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin 7 8 Legislature hereby declares January 24 to 30, 2021, School Choice Week and 9 recognizes the importance of giving parents the choice in the educational path for 10 their children.

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