

### **Resolution in Recognition of Governor Tommy Thompson**

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Faculty Senate wishes to acknowledge and thank University of Wisconsin System President Tommy G. Thompson for his abiding commitment to the state of Wisconsin and his willingness to step forward and lead our system of exceptional public institutions during one of the most challenging periods facing higher education in this country.

On July 1, 2020, Governor Thompson began serving the state of Wisconsin once again, this time as Interim President of the University of Wisconsin System. Few would have guessed, even after those first ground-shifting months of the pandemic, how fundamentally COVID-19 would impact our state and our universities. Already weakened by years of declining state investment, the University of Wisconsin System faced unprecedented challenges during the last two years. Throughout it all, President Thompson has been a powerful advocate and passionate leader, always focused on how our many institutions work together to provide a world-class education for students as well as economic and cultural engines for our communities.

Simply, President Thompson has been a strong voice for the University of Wisconsin System during a time when the System desperately needed his leadership. As his responsibilities as Interim President come to an end, we express our gratitude for his service and wish him continued success in his advocacy for the people of our state.