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Resolution of Commendation

John B. Coleman

Whereas, John B. Coleman, Sr. served for 47 years, from 1916 to 1963, as the director of the La Crosse Vocational and Adult School now known as Western Technical College; and

Whereas, he developed the institution from its infancy, growing programming significantly and seeing the school through tremendous growth, both in enrollment and in physical size; and

Whereas, John ensured that the school met the employment needs of La Crosse as well as wartime requirements of the government; and

Whereas, John’s vision for the school remained steady and continues to this day – to help people “get a job … hold a job … and advance on the job”; and

Whereas, under his direction, the school was recognized statewide and nationally as one of the best vocational schools and it served as a model for others to emulate, and was featured in the 1942 Readers Digest as “A City that Goes to School”; and

Whereas, in 1957, John was honored as one of the vocational education leaders in the nation by the American Vocational Association; and

Whereas, upon his retirement, the La Crosse Vocational and Adult School became the Coleman Vocational and Adult School, and it was said “No brick, nor steel, nor mortar can build a monument such as that which John B. Coleman has built in the city and in the state of Wisconsin”; and therefore be it

Resolved, that as we dedicate the newly remodeled Coleman Center, which still reflects the original building that stood under his watch, the Board of the Western Technical College District again recognizes his contribution and gives a special commendation to John B. Coleman for his years of service and his commitment to excellence, by posthumously presenting him with the Western Technical College Legacy Award.