

Legislative Resolution Endorsed by Signature

Relating to: condemning the conspiracy theory of lecturer Kevin Barrett and his employment by the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Whereas, the United States of America was attacked on September 11, 2001, a day that will be remembered as one of the darkest in American history; and

Whereas, the terrorists who attacked America that day murdered more than 3,000 innocent people who were doing nothing more than enjoying the inalienable rights of a free people; and

Whereas, since the attacks on September 11, 2001, there have been numerous fact-finding inquiries, by both government agencies and private organizations, into the events leading up to that dark day; and

Whereas, these inquiries have consistently found, based on the facts, that the perpetrators of these murderous crimes were associated with Osama bin Laden's terrorist network known as al-Qaida; and

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin–Madison currently employs lecturer Kevin Barrett, who used his position at the university to advance his views that the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, were orchestrated by the U.S. government and that al-Qaida is a Central Intelligence Agency creation to divert public attention away from Barrett's view of the truth; and

Whereas, Kevin Barrett has admitted teaching his conspiracy theory as a part of a folklore course in the spring semester of 2006 and his intention to

include his personal views again in an introduction to Islam course in the fall semester of 2006; and

Whereas, Provost Patrick Farrell of the University of Wisconsin–Madison has conducted a review of Kevin Barrett's employment as a limited-term lecturer and determined that Barrett's views are protected under the philosophy of academic freedom; and

Whereas, neither Kevin Barrett nor the University of Wisconsin–Madison have provided any scholarly foundation or other recognized factual basis to support his conspiracy theory; and

Whereas, the employment of Kevin Barrett as a lecturer by the University of Wisconsin–Madison is financially supported by the taxpayers of this great state and by tuition collected from enrolled students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the undersigned members of the Legislature condemn Kevin Barrett's conspiracy theory regarding the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and Provost Patrick Farrell's decision to allow Kevin Barrett to continue the teaching of his academically dishonest views; and be it further

Resolved, That the undersigned members of the Legislature demand that the University of Wisconsin–Madison release Kevin Barrett from employment as a lecturer and cease all professional association with this individual; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the governor of Wisconsin, members of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, the president of the University of Wisconsin System, the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and Kevin Barrett.

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