

No. R-191. House concurrent resolution honoring Joan Goodrich for her exemplary higher education leadership in Vermont.

(H.C.R.159)

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Botzow of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, since 1979, Joan Goodrich has made a sustaining and vital contribution to higher education in Vermont, and

Whereas, she has helped keep Bennington College on the path of educational excellence, and

Whereas, Joan Goodrich's leadership at Bennington College has been especially timely in recent years when, despite challenging circumstances, in her role as vice president for planning and special programs, she has enabled the college to reclaim its pioneering role in American higher education, and

Whereas, her passionate commitment to making higher education accessible in Vermont has been repeatedly exhibited in her work with the Vermont Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, and

Whereas, from October 1, 1985 to June 30, 2003, Joan Goodrich served on the board of the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), including service as its vice chair and subsequently as chair, and

Whereas, three governors—Kunin, Snelling, and Dean—appointed her to the seat on the VSAC board reserved for a financial aid officer, and

Whereas, her wise and steadfast leadership in this position helped secure VSAC's financial position, breadth of services, and clarity of mission, helping countless students to pursue a college education and take advantage of opportunities little imagined, and

Whereas, the Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) in Bennington has greatly benefited from her leadership, including her service as a board member from 1990 to 1996 and as its president from 1992 to 1996, and

Whereas, Joan Goodrich, who has been an extraordinarily engaged citizen of Vermont, will retire from her position as vice president for planning and special programs at Bennington College on June 30, 2011, and she will leave a legacy of professional accomplishment and institutional improvement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honor Joan Goodrich for her exemplary higher education leadership in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joan Goodrich at Bennington College.