

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 186

House concurrent resolution congratulating Norwich University on the inauguration of its new biomass heating plant

Offered by: Representatives Grad of Moretown, Donahue of Northfield, and Lewis of Berlin

Whereas, over the last one-quarter of a century, Norwich University has examined the option of a wood chip burning, biomass heating plant and its financial implications, and

Whereas, Norwich University's most recent technological and fiscal assessments indicated that the construction of a biomass plant would now be advantageous for the university, and

Whereas, on October 25, 2013, Norwich University dedicated its new biomass heating plant, and

Whereas, according to Chief Administrative Officer Dave Magida, the wood used in the plant will come from within a 100-mile radius of the campus, and

Whereas, Dave Magida also stated that this state-of-the-art plant will result in a 50-percent reduction in soot emissions, and that the State of Vermont has certified that the 200 tons of ash the plant will produce can be used as organic fertilizer, and

Whereas, Norwich University views the operation of the biomass plant as continuing its tradition of good corporate citizenship, and

Whereas, money for heating costs previously spent on oil will now be spent on locally produced wood with substantial savings, and

Whereas, the biomass heating plant represents a major step in implementing Norwich University's plans for the coming decades, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Norwich University on the inauguration of its new biomass heating plant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Norwich University President Richard W. Schneider.