

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 220

House concurrent resolution honoring Champlain College President Dr. David F. Finney for his higher education leadership

Offered by: Representatives Rachelson of Burlington and Donovan of Burlington

Whereas, during the past decade, Champlain College has broadened its curriculum offerings, strengthened financial aid and scholarships, constructed architecturally impressive and sustainable new buildings on its Burlington campus, and added international academic programs, and

Whereas, these major institutional advancements have come from the leadership of Dr. David Finney, who has served as president of Champlain College since 2005, and

Whereas, David Finney earned an undergraduate degree at Westminster College in Pennsylvania, continued his education at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and earned his doctorate at Teachers College, Columbia University, and

Whereas, David Finney arrived at Champlain College as the school's seventh president, having served in senior administrative positions at New York University and the Rochester Institute of Technology, and

Whereas, during his presidency, Champlain College has raised its profile as an ideal academic destination for career-minded students, prompting the number of freshman applications nearly to triple, and

Whereas, David Finney spurred the establishment of an integrated liberal arts core curriculum, and of the Life Experience & Action Dimension (LEAD) Program that emphasizes life skills and financial sophistication, and

Whereas, improving Vermont's economy has been an important goal for David Finney, and he has fostered close ties between Champlain College and the State's business community, and

Whereas, leaders in higher education, nonprofit management, and commerce respect David Finney's counsel, and he serves on many organizations' boards of directors, and

Whereas, after leading Champlain College on a new path to excellence, David Finney will conclude his presidential tenure on June 30, 2014, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Champlain College President Dr. David F. Finney for his higher education leadership, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to David Finney.