

**No. R-97. House concurrent resolution honoring Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell for her outstanding academic leadership and contributions to Vermont and the nation.**

(H.C.R.64)

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Sibilia of Dover, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, when President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell began her tenure at Marlboro College, she faced enormous financial and organizational challenges, and, despite these difficulties, she increased the endowment over 50 percent and strengthened graduate and professional studies programs, and

Whereas, she shepherded Marlboro College through two natural disasters, including Tropical Storm Irene, which created havoc throughout the town of Marlboro and cut the college off from civilization for two days, and

Whereas, President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell worked to engage the surrounding community by ensuring cultural and academic events at the college were made open to the public, and she forged stronger community ties with the Marlboro Music School and Festival, an organization vital to the health of the local economy, and

Whereas, during her tenure at Marlboro College, she chaired the Presidents' Assembly of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges, and

Whereas, President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell helped to form the Windham Higher Education Cooperative among Windham County's six colleges, as well as an exchange program among the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges, and

Whereas, she has been a fierce advocate for higher education, especially liberal arts education, asserting that colleges ought to prepare students for active citizenship as well as employment, and

Whereas, Ellen McCulloch-Lovell has made significant contributions to Vermont and the nation beyond her college presidency, including serving as Vermont Arts Council Executive Director; cofounding the Governor's Institutes, a summer academic enrichment program for high school students; serving as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy; and holding several senior positions in the Clinton Administration related to the arts, the Millennium Project, and the First Lady's office, and

Whereas, Ellen McCulloch-Lovell is concluding her highly successful decade-long tenure as President of Marlboro College, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell for her outstanding academic leadership and contributions to Vermont and the nation, and be it further,

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ellen McCulloch-Lovell and Marlboro College.