

**No. R-255. House concurrent resolution congratulating Castleton State College President David Wolk on his receipt of the New England Board of Higher Education's Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement.**

(H.C.R.175)

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Acinapura of Brandon, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Ancel of Calais, Andrews of Rutland City, Aswad of Burlington, Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Brennan of Colchester, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Cheney of Norwich, Clark of Vergennes, Clarkson of Woodstock, Clerkin of Hartford, Condon of Colchester, Corcoran of Bennington, Courcelle of Rutland City, Crawford of Burke, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Edwards of Brattleboro, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fisher of Lincoln, Flory of Pittsford, French of Shrewsbury, Gilbert of Fairfax, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Heath of Westford, Helm of Castleton, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Howrigan of Fairfield, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of Canaan, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon, Leriche of Hardwick, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McAllister of Highgate, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morley of Barton, Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nease of Johnson, O'Donnell of Vernon, Obuchowski of Rockingham, Pearce of Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Reis of St. Johnsbury, Rodgers of Glover, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Smith of Mendon, Smith of Morristown, Stevens of Shoreham, Sweaney of Windsor, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Westman of Cambridge, Weston of Burlington, Wheeler of Derby, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of Burlington, Zenie of Colchester and Zuckerman of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Choate, Cummings, Doyle, Flanagan, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Maynard, Mazza, McCormack, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Racine, Scott, Sears, Shumlin, Snelling, Starr and White

Whereas, Castleton State College President David Wolk has distinguished himself as an educator and public servant in the state of Vermont, and

Whereas, born in Rutland, David Wolk graduated from that community's public high school, earned his undergraduate degree at Middlebury College, and received a master's degree in education from Harvard University, and

Whereas, in an earlier work experience at Castleton State College, he directed the VT LEAD Project, and

Whereas, over the years, David Wolk developed a passionate interest in public service and served the city of Rutland as both an alderman and a justice of the peace, and

Whereas, for two bienniums, he represented Rutland County in the Vermont Senate, where he was a respected member of that legislative body, and

Whereas, Governor Dean recognized that David Wolk's intelligence, political savvy, and professional background as an educator were attributes that in combination would well serve the executive branch, and he appointed him to serve as a public policy specialist, and

Whereas, although he was successful in this post, David Wolk decided to refocus his career more directly in the field of education, and he accepted the principalship of his alma mater, Rutland High School, and he oversaw the school's historic move to its campus on Woodstock Avenue, and

Whereas, the Rutland school board later appointed him as the system's superintendent, and

Whereas, in 2000, the state board of education, recognizing his educational expertise, named David Wolk as Vermont's commissioner of education, and

Whereas, although his tenure in this post had only been for a year, in 2001, his record of achievement persuaded the board of trustees of the Vermont State Colleges to select him as the new president of Castleton State College, and

Whereas, in this capacity, David Wolk has overseen an academic and architectural renaissance on the campus as the curriculum has been improved and major new construction projects have been implemented, and

Whereas, in recognition of his many accomplishments as an extraordinary educational administrator and public servant, the New England Board of Higher Education recently awarded Castleton State College President David Wolk its 2009 Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Castleton State College President David Wolk on his receipt of the 2009 New England Board of Higher Education's Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Castleton State College President David Wolk.