

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 392

House concurrent resolution honoring Professor and former State Senator William T. Doyle on the conclusion of his distinguished academic career at Johnson State College

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: Senators Westman, Brooks, Cummings, and Pollina

Whereas, parallel to his legislative life as a State Senator, Bill Doyle was an active and passionate Johnson State College faculty member, and

Whereas, Professor Bill Doyle was a member of the Humanities Department, and his courses encompassed both the American History and political science disciplines, and

Whereas, his own academic background included graduation from the Lawrenceville School and Princeton University and a doctorate in education from Columbia University, and

Whereas, when Bill Doyle started teaching at Johnson State College, few could have envisioned his role as a mentor of future legislators, policymakers, and advocates and a number of legislators cite him as the inspiration for their serving in the General Assembly, and

Whereas, he developed a State House-based class that enabled students to observe firsthand legislative deliberations and engage in lively discussions with key State House players, and

Whereas, Professor Bill Doyle's election-year candidate forums at Johnson State College were a must stop for persons seeking statewide office, and they were often widely reported news-making events, and

Whereas, his Doyle Poll became a Town Meeting Day barometer, assessing statewide opinion on major public policy issues, and

Whereas, Bill Doyle's book, *The Vermont Political Tradition: And Those Who Helped Make It*, is a classic primer on the State's political history, and

Whereas, in collaboration with Johnson State College students, Bill Doyle created film portraits of Vermont's counties that provided insightful cultural, historical, and political cinematic portraits of these jurisdictions, and

Whereas, after six decades as a Johnson State College faculty member of great distinction, Professor Bill Doyle has announced that the 2018 spring semester will be his last, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Professor and former Senator William T. Doyle on the conclusion of his distinguished academic career at Johnson State College, and be it further

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