

No. R-390. House concurrent resolution congratulating Marlboro College on its 65th anniversary.

(H.C.R.298)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Edwards of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Olsen of Jamaica, Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Galbraith and White

Whereas, from both academic and governance perspectives, Marlboro College, located on 300 rural acres in the southern Vermont town of the same name, is one of America's most creative and innovative institutions of higher education, and

Whereas, established in 1946, Marlboro College's mission is "to teach students to think clearly and to learn independently," and

Whereas, this directive is holistically integrated into the students' academic progression through their selection, in consultation with an academic advisor, of an individualized course of study, and

Whereas, this educational model, relying on student initiative and personal responsibility, climaxes when graduating "seniors complete a self-designed Plan of Concentration that is reviewed by an outsider evaluator," and

Whereas, the intimate class sizes averaging 10 and educationally conducive student-faculty ratio of 7-1 provide the elements for an intellectual exchange of ideas that would not be viable in a large classroom setting, and

Whereas, in 2005, the National Survey of Student Engagement ranked Marlboro College in the 95th percentile or better in terms of academic

challenge, student–faculty interaction, supportive campus environment, and first-year students’ experience of active and collaborative learning, and

Whereas, Marlboro College serves as a springboard for further educational exploration, as 69 percent of the alumni attend graduate school including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and other leading universities, and

Whereas, Marlboro College governance is centered on monthly town meetings involving students, faculty, and staff, and

Whereas, the learning opportunities at Marlboro are diverse, ranging from ancient Greek and Latin to the latest digital technology advances, and

Whereas, the college has developed Asian learning experiences in China and Cambodia, and

Whereas, the arts are an essential element of life at Marlboro College, with students exploring dance, music, and visual art, and the school features the Rudolph and Irene Serkin Center for the Performing Arts and since 1951 has hosted the renowned independently operated Marlboro Music Festival, and

Whereas, Marlboro College President Ellen McCulloch-Lovell has incorporated her unique combination of cultural and political experience in a dynamic and successful campus leadership tenure, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marlboro College on its 65th anniversary, and be it further

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