
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: commending and congratulating Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen for his contributions to the University of Wisconsin–Stout and the state of Wisconsin.

Whereas, on August 15, 2014, Charles W. Sorensen will retire as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Stout; and

Whereas, Chancellor Sorensen has served the faculty, staff, and students of UW–Stout, as well as the citizens of this state, with distinction as chancellor for twenty–six years, the longest tenure of any UW–Stout leader; and

Whereas, during Chancellor Sorensen’s tenure UW–Stout has increased enrollment by 31 percent, to more than nine thousand students; and

Whereas, under Chancellor Sorensen’s guidance the number of undergraduate majors offered has risen from twenty to forty–four, while the number of graduate majors rose from eighteen to twenty–three and three advanced graduate programs were added; and

Whereas, due to Chancellor Sorensen’s distinguished and innovative leadership, UW–Stout won the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2001, becoming the first institution of higher education to receive the award, and in 2007 UW–Stout was designated as Wisconsin’s polytechnic university; and

Whereas, Chancellor Sorensen has overseen numerous extensive renovations and additions to the UW–Stout campus, including Harvey Hall Theatre, Jarvis Hall Science Wing, Memorial Student Center, Millennium Hall, and the Don and Nona Williams Stadium; and

Whereas, under Chancellor Sorensen’s leadership, UW–Stout opened the Stout Technology and Business Park, the Discovery Center, and the Center for Applied Ethics and expanded the Cooperative Education Program; and

Whereas, the eStout laptop program, which provides laptop computers to all undergraduates on campus and serves as the foundation for a campus–wide digital learning environment, was implemented under Chancellor Sorensen’s administration in 2002; and

Whereas, UW–Stout has maintained an employment rate for new graduates at or above 97 percent throughout Chancellor Sorensen’s tenure; and

Whereas, under Chancellor Sorensen’s management, the assets of the Stout University Foundation have grown from \$2.3 million to more than \$43 million; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature commends and congratulates Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen for his contributions to the University of Wisconsin–Stout and to the state of Wisconsin and wishes him a long and healthy retirement; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to Chancellor Sorensen.

Senator Michael G. Ellis
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk