



2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 114

March 7, 2018 - Introduced by Senators SCHACHTNER, ERPENBACH, BEWLEY, VINEHOUT, SHILLING, JOHNSON and MOULTON, cosponsored by Representatives STAFSHOLT, ZIMMERMAN, HEBL, VRUWINK, MURPHY, SPREITZER, PETRYK, BERCEAU, SARGENT, SUMMERFIELD and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** the life and service to higher education of Chancellor Emeritus Charles
2 W. Sorensen.

3 Whereas, on February 23, 2018, Chancellor Emeritus Charles W. Sorensen
4 passed away in Florida, nearly four years after he retired as chancellor of the
5 University of Wisconsin-Stout; and

6 Whereas, Chancellor Emeritus Sorensen had a long career in higher education
7 in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin as a faculty member and administrator; and

8 Whereas, Chancellor Emeritus Sorensen was also a nationally recognized
9 historian, having earned his Ph.D. in history from Michigan State University, where
10 he was recognized in 2002 as an outstanding alumnus; and

11 Whereas, at the time of his retirement in August 2014, Chancellor Emeritus
12 Sorensen had served the faculty, staff, and students of UW-Stout, as well as the
13 citizens of this state, with distinction as chancellor for 26 years, the longest tenure
14 of any UW-Stout leader; and

1 Whereas, Chancellor Emeritus Sorensen's persistent leadership and
2 innovative vision were the catalysts for UW-Stout winning the Malcolm Baldrige
3 National Quality Award in 2001, becoming the first institution of higher education
4 to receive the award, and UW-Stout being designated by the UW System Board of
5 Regents as Wisconsin's Polytechnic university in 2007; and

6 Whereas, UW-Stout, under Chancellor Emeritus Sorensen's tenure,
7 experienced enrollment growth of 31 percent, to more than 9,000 students, and the
8 number of undergraduate majors offered more than doubled; and

9 Whereas, UW-Stout's campus was transformed physically under Chancellor
10 Emeritus Sorensen, with additions or renovations to Harvey Hall Theatre, Jarvis
11 Hall Science Wing, Memorial Student Center, Millennium Hall, and the Don and
12 Nona Williams Stadium; and

13 Whereas, other accomplishments of Chancellor Emeritus Sorensen's
14 administration include the adoption of the eStout laptop program, which provides
15 laptop computers to all undergraduates on campus, and growing the assets of the
16 Stout University Foundation from \$2.3 million to \$43 million, all the while ensuring
17 that UW-Stout maintained an employment rate for new graduates at or above 97
18 percent; now, therefore, be it

19 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the members of the
20 Wisconsin Legislature salute the decades of service to higher education by
21 Chancellor Emeritus Charles W. Sorensen and his lasting impact on UW-Stout, the
22 city of Menomonie, and western Wisconsin, and express their sorrow at his death and
23 extend their condolences to his family and friends; and, be it further

