



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

February 13, 2014 – Introduced by Senators HARSDORF, MOULTON, VINEHOUT and KEDZIE, cosponsored by Representatives MURTHA, KNUDSON, DANOU, PETRYK, HINTZ, JOHNSON, BROOKS, T. LARSON and WRIGHT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 Whereas, under Chancellor Sorensen's leadership, UW-Stout opened the Stout
10 Technology and Business Park, the Discovery Center, and the Center for Applied
11 Ethics and expanded the Cooperative Education Program; and

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

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

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

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

