

**No. R-314. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Community College of Vermont on the opening of its new Rutland City campus**

(H.C.R.253)

Offered by: Representatives Russell of Rutland City, Andrews of Rutland City, Courcelle of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, McNeil of Rutland Town and Shaw of Pittsford

Offered by: Senators Carris, Flory, Mullin and Nitka

Whereas, the Community College of Vermont (CCV) is an academic gateway for young Vermonters seeking to extend their learning opportunities as well as a place for older individuals to explore new career options, and

Whereas, the campus network of CCV locations, now numbering 12, has included a Rutland City location since 1981, and

Whereas, the number of students at the Rutland City campus has grown to approximately 800 students, predominantly from Rutland and Windsor Counties but also including attendees who travel from Addison and Bennington Counties, and

Whereas, as Rutland City has assumed increasing importance as a CCV site, having experienced a 30-percent student growth rate in the past five years, the 16,000-square foot building located on Evelyn Street was proving increasingly inadequate to meet the college's needs, and

Whereas, in recognition that the Rutland City enrollment of CCV was the second largest and continues to attract eager students, the CCV administration determined that a new, much larger and more modern building was required, and

Whereas, after much planning, the DEW Construction Corp. of Williston was awarded the contract to build a sparkling new 32,000-square-foot education complex on West Street in downtown Rutland, and

Whereas, this carefully designed three-story structure is double the size of the former building and features a reception area, 24 state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs equipped with 100 desktop computers, science labs ready for chemistry and biology students, art rooms with a pottery kiln and throwing wheels, a faculty lounge that doubles as a lunch room and gathering place for the part-time instructors, and private meeting rooms, and

Whereas, this centrally located building is easily accessible to parking and Marble Valley Regional Transit District bus service, and

Whereas, the new Rutland City home of CCV unofficially opened to students at the start of the spring 2012 semester, and the official opening was Monday, January 23, 2012, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Community College of Vermont on the opening of its new Rutland City campus, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Joyce Judy of Community College of Vermont and to Christopher Etori, administrative manager of the college's Rutland City campus.