

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education recognizes the significant accomplishments of Dr. Daniel Asquino at the conclusion of his 30th year as president of Mount Wachusett Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino has spent 46 years as a dedicated public servant including previous posts as Assistant Dean of Administration at Bristol Community College and Dean of Administration at Cape Cod Community College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino was appointed president of “The Mount” in 1987, making him the second-ever president of the institution and currently the longest-serving president in Massachusetts’ public higher education system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino is a proud four-time Massachusetts public education graduate of New Bedford High School, Southeastern Massachusetts University (now UMass Dartmouth), and UMass Amherst, from which he holds both a Master’s and Doctorate in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino’s deep focus on teaching and learning has kept him in the classroom throughout his career as an Adjunct Professor of Public Finance, Labor Relations, Education Administration, and Organizational Theory; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino has been a long-serving chair of the Massachusetts Community College Council’s Labor Relations Committee, working collaboratively to negotiate fair and equitable agreements for both management and labor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino’s leadership on capital infrastructure has resulted in a transformation of the campus’ physical plant, including the recent ribbon-cutting for the state-of-the-art science center, now named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino’s tenure at Mount Wachusett has established the college as a state and national leader in the areas of dual enrollment and K–12 partnerships, civic education, workforce development, veteran services, and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino has overseen remarkable growth at Mount Wachusett over his career, including a four-fold increase in enrollment, two multimillion dollar fundraising campaigns, and a nationally recognized Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino’s service to the community includes serving as an officer and past chair of the United Way of North Central Massachusetts, officer and past chair of the Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster, past chair of the Greater Gardner and North Central Massachusetts Chambers of Commerce, and member and past chair of the Board of Trustees for Heywood Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Asquino has worked tirelessly throughout his unprecedented tenure and has demonstrated a profound commitment to what is best for students of the Commonwealth and its system of public higher education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

On behalf of the members of the Board of Higher Education, the Department staff, and the students and institutions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education honors and commends Dr. Daniel Asquino on the occasion of his retirement from the presidency at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Chris Gabrieli, Chairman
Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

Carlos E. Santiago, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

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