

Resolution of Appreciation: Virgil Nylander

BOARD OF REGENTS

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Virgil Nylander has served the community of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with distinction as Interim Chancellor for 13 months, leaving his brief retirement after the untimely death of Chancellor Ann Lydecker; and

WHEREAS, his leadership style is exemplary for its openness and inclusion, notably sharing campus fiscal and educational information leading to collaborative decisions affecting the future of the institution; and

WHEREAS, his recognition of the special challenges and opportunities for the unparalleled growth of the St. Croix Valley inspired him to expand the university's sharing of faculty, staff and student talents and expertise in the best tradition of the Wisconsin Idea; and

WHEREAS, under his stewardship, the UW-RF campus continued its remarkable physical plant improvements including the University C.H.I.L.D. Care Center, the George R. Field South Fork Suites, and groundbreaking of a new Student Center, an investment of more than \$44.5 million, all without any taxpayer expense; as well as an addition to the Robert P. Knowles Physical Education and Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, despite difficult financial times, as a demonstration of his commitment to the critical importance of faculty as teachers, mentors and advisers to students, his skilled fiscal leadership allowed the recruitment of significant numbers of tenured positions; and

WHEREAS, he was a tireless advocate, advancing the UW-River Falls and the University of Wisconsin System's aspirations for a sound public higher education system, and he shared that vision with regional leaders, legislators and Governor James Doyle;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System commends Virgil Nylander for his dedicated and accessible leadership and thanks him for his substantial contributions to UW-River Falls and the UW System.