

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2023-014

Honorary Degree Status
Mr. Howard J. Coffin

- WHEREAS, Mr. Howard J. Coffin, a sixth generation Vermonter born and raised in Woodstock, attended Lyndon State College from 1960-1962 before leaving for Vietnam as part of the U.S. Army; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Howard J. Coffin established a career in journalism and communications in Vermont as well as authoring several books and giving numerous public lectures on Vermont history; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Howard J. Coffin's efforts to record and preserve Vermont's Civil War history were recognized by the Vermont State Legislature in 2004; and
- WHEREAS, The recommendation from Vermont State University Interim President Mike Smith to award an honorary degree is in full accordance with the criteria set forth in Policy 107; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the VSC Board of Trustees in the name of Vermont State University grants Mr. Howard J. Coffin an honorary Doctor of Letters degree to be awarded at its next Commencement.

Approved: November 13, 2023

Eileen Y Dickinson

Eileen "Lynn" Dickinson, Chair of the Board of Trustees