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RESOLUTION  
HONORING  
DR. HERBERT D. WELTE

September 5, 1986

- WHEREAS, Dr. Herbert D. Welte is acknowledged as one of the pioneers of American public higher education, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Welte served the people of Connecticut as the last principal of The State Normal School at New Britain, the only president of The Teachers College of Connecticut, and the first president of Central Connecticut State College, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Welte was president of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, president and vice president of the Association of Teacher Education Institutions, president and secretary of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers, vice president and president of the New England Teacher Preparation Association, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Welte was a member of the Executive Committees of the American Association of Teachers Colleges, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Connecticut Council for Higher Education; was a member of the Committee on Higher Institutions of the New England Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools, a member of committees of the American Association of State Colleges & Universities, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Welte provided the leadership that molded the former Normal School at New Britain into the multi-faceted College that eventually became a major University in the Northeast, and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Welte attained both regional and national honors upon his retirement from this system in 1968 through his dedication to excellence in education and his devotion to the generations of young people served by the institutions he guided, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of Connecticut State University today honors the memory of Herbert David Welte for his immeasurable contributions to the profession of education in this state and nation and extends its deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

A Certified True Copy:

  
L. J. Davidson, Chairperson

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WELTE OBIT

DR. HERBERT D. WELTE

The man whose name was for nearly a half a century synonymous with higher education in Connecticut died Sept. 2 at his home in Simsbury.

Herbert David Welte, 88, for 39 years was president of what is today Central Connecticut State University, New Britain.

When Dr. Welte retired from Central in 1968, he was the American college/university president with the longest tenure in office in the nation.

He came to the then State Normal School at New Britain in 1929, was the only president of Teachers College of Connecticut (1933-1959) and was the first president of Central Connecticut State College, predecessor to the university.

F. Don James of Simsbury, president of Central and successor to Dr. Welte today said:

"The death of Herbert D. Welte marks the passing of an era in American education. Herb Welte was a pioneer in public higher education, one of the major forces that molded former teacher training institutions into major universities serving all segments of the American society today.

He was a leader among educators, a dedicated teacher pursuing excellence in academic pursuits and a man deeply devoted to the young people of not only his college, but to the young people of this nation.

He was the president of presidents, a man highly admired and a very warm and valued friend."

Born in David City, Nebraska, the youngest of seven sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Welte, he came to New England to carve a national reputation in public higher education.

Following experience as a teacher and superintendent of schools in his home state, and serviced in the U.S. Navy, he joined the faculty of State Teachers College in Mayville, North Dakota, in 1925 as dean of men and head of the Department of Education. In 1927 he became a research assistant at the University of Iowa, leaving in 1929 for the principalship of the Normal School in New Britain.

He served as president of the American Assn. of Colleges for Teacher Education; was president and vice president of the Association of Teachers Education Institutions; was secretary and president of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers; vice president and president of the New England Teacher Preparation Assn., and served on committees of the American Assn. of State Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Welte, who served as a lecturer at Yale University for five years (1949-54), served on the Executive Committee, American Assn. of Teachers Colleges; Executive Committee, National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; National Commission on Accrediting; Committee on Higher Institutions of the New England Assn. of Colleges & Secondary Schools, and was a member of the Executive Committee, Connecticut Council for Higher Education.

A member of several educational organizations, including Phi Delta Kappa, honorary society for professional educators, he was a past president and secretary of the New Britain Rotary Club, a member of the Round Table of New Britain and a corporator of New Britain General Hospital.

He was honored as "Educator of the Year" by the New Britain Probus Club in 1961 and was selected "Man of the Year" by the New Britain Press Club in 1964. In 1966 he was honored by the New Britain Chamber of Commerce and was recipient of numerous honors on behalf of regional educators, the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State College and the Executive Branch of the state government upon his retirement. Central's auditorium was dedicated in his honor in 1963.

He was listed in "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in American Education," "Who's Who in the East" and "Biographical Encyclopedia of the World."

In 1968, just before his retirement, the Herbert D. Welte Chair was established to bring scholars to the campus.

He received the bachelor's degree from Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney, Neb. in 1924; the master of arts (1925) and the Ph.D. (1929) from the State University of Iowa, Iowa City.

He leaves his wife, Aletha May Boulden Welte of Simsbury; two sons Keith Joseph Welte and Herbert David Welte Jr. both of North Dakota; and a daughter, Mrs. Richard D. (Eileen Frances) Harris of Avon and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by another daughter Mrs. John (Elizabeth Ann) Lund.

Calling hours will be on Thursday (Sept. 4) from 7-9 p.m. at the Vincent Funeral Home, 120 Albany Turnpike, Canton. Memorial services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Burlington Congregational Church, Route 4, Burlington Center.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to The Welte Society, CCSU Foundation, PO Box 612, New Britain, CT 06050.

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[Flower Basket sent on  
behalf of B.O.T.]

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