

The Raymond G. Modell '62 Veterans Lounge

Brief Biography of Honoree & Justification:

Raymond G. Modell attended SUNY Canton from 1960-1962 after receiving an honorary discharge for serving in the United States Air Force during the late 1950s. Having been raised in a farming family in the Syracuse area, Mr. Modell was the first of his family to attend and graduate from college. He went on to have a successful career with General Electric and Niagara Mohawk.

Since graduating, Mr. Modell has remained a strong supporter of SUNY Canton, both financially and as an advocate through his service on the Alumni Association Board. Mr. Modell has made gifts to the Canton College Foundation every year since 1982, and in 2000, he established the Modell Family Endowed Scholarship that is awarded annually to a student in the Electrical Engineering Program. Mr. Modell is a member of the Payson-Martin Society and has made plans for a significant gift to SUNY Canton through his estate.

Mr. Modell served on the Alumni Association Board from 2001-2007, during which time he was extremely active and served as a leader and role model to others on the board. Finally, Mr. Modell was inducted into the SUNY Canton Hall of Fame in 2012 in recognition of personal achievement and dedication to the College.

Naming the Veterans Lounge after Mr. Modell is an appropriate honor for his sustained dedication to SUNY Canton throughout his life. As someone who was a student veteran himself, he understands the needs our current veterans have to transition back into civilian life while completing their education. The Veterans Lounge is a significant resource for our student veterans and is highly regarded for the support that is offered through this space. It is fitting that someone whose philanthropic mission is to help others would be honored by naming a space that strives to do just the same.

Resolution

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WHEREAS, Raymond G. Modell has a passion for ensuring both access to higher education and success for students through support services, and wishes to support veterans in all ways possible; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Lounge provides a safe-space for veterans to manage the transition from active service to civilian life while they focus on their education; and

WHEREAS, Raymond G. Modell has pledged \$50,000 to name the Veterans Lounge; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the College Council of the State University of New York, College of Technology at Canton, designates the Veterans Lounge in Cook Hall, this the twenty-eighth day of February, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Ronald M. O'Neill
Chairman, College Council

Zvi Szafran
President