

No. R-473. House concurrent resolution honoring public educator and Marlboro Town Moderator Dr. Steven John.

(H.C.R.393)

Offered by: Representatives Long of Newfane, Olsen of Londonderry, Sibia of Dover, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Manwaring of Wilmington, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, Dr. Steven John earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Occidental College, a master's degree in education at Antioch Graduate School New England and, more recently, a doctorate in education leadership, policy, and assessment at the University of Massachusetts, and

Whereas, he started his career as an educator, serving in the Peace Corps as a math and science teacher stationed in Malaysia, and

Whereas, on returning to the United States, his first job was at the Whitingham School, originally from 1973–1990, and later from 1993–1999, and

Whereas, during his years at the Whitingham School, Steven John taught in the classroom, served as the middle school coordinator, then principal, was named the University of Vermont's Outstanding Educator (1985), and implemented an inclusive town meeting form of school governance, and

Whereas, during a three-year hiatus (1990–1993) at the Phillips Middle School in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Steven John taught science and coached the winning team at a regional Science Olympiad, and

Whereas, in 1999, Steven John assumed a new position as the Leland & Gray Middle School's principal, where he supervised curriculum innovations, including the introduction of a course in Chinese, advised on a successful building addition, implemented waste recycling building-wide, improved nutrition in the school's cafeteria, and oversaw the installation of an information system enabling parents to review students' homework, and

Whereas, Steven John served as president of the Vermont Association for Middle Level Education and has many other professional affiliations, and

Whereas, in 2009, after completing his doctoral degree, Dr. Steven John was appointed superintendent of the Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) and has provided expert guidance to all of its schools, and

Whereas, since 2002, Steven John has served ably as Marlboro Town Moderator, having previously held the office of town auditor, and

Whereas, in 2016, Dr. Steven John is concluding his outstanding leadership tenure at WCSU, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors public educator and Marlboro Town Moderator Dr. Steven John, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Dr. Steven John.