

**No. R-11. House concurrent resolution honoring Pamela Taylor for her exemplary service as a teacher, mentor, and community leader in Vergennes.**

(H.C.R.4)

Offered by: Representatives Lanpher of Vergennes and Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh

Whereas, in an era when multidecade job longevity is becoming atypical, Pamela Taylor's 43-year social studies teaching career at Vergennes Union High School (VUHS) is worthy of celebration, and

Whereas, during her VUHS tenure, she has mentored hundreds of students and taught approximately 5,000, and

Whereas, Pamela Taylor has served as a leader in many aspects of public education in Vermont and nationally, and

Whereas, she has pioneered VUHS' courses on a number of civic and historically associated subjects, including African-American History, Modern Citizenship, Native American History, and Vermont Designs, and

Whereas, experiential education has served as one of her primary teaching tools, and she led school trips domestically to our nation's capital; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Charleston, South Carolina; Savannah, Georgia; and other historic locations; and internationally to Russia and Ukraine, and

Whereas, Pamela Taylor's interest in curriculum development has resulted in her serving on State and national leadership teams that developed educational standards, and

Whereas, she has always held each student accountable to perform to the best of his or her ability, and

Whereas, throughout her many years in the classroom, Pamela Taylor has been known as a vivacious and gregarious educator, and

Whereas, outside VUHS, Pamela Taylor is an active community member who has participated in church, emergency services, and other activities designed to improve the quality of life for area residents, and

Whereas, another of her extracurricular interests is serving as the editor for local publications, and

Whereas, in June 2017, after 43 memorable years on the VUHS faculty, Pamela Taylor is retiring from the teaching profession, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Pamela Taylor for her exemplary service as a teacher, mentor, and community leader in Vergennes, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pamela Taylor.