

No. R-2. Senate concurrent resolution honoring Stephen Metcalf as an exemplary public education leader in Vermont.

(S.C.R.2)
(SPECIAL SESSION)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, MacDonald, McCormack and Scott,

By Representatives French of Randolph, Hooper of Montpelier, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Townsend of Randolph and Donovan of Burlington,

Whereas, Steve Metcalf is a public school educator who is “committed to improving public schools to serve their original purpose of preparing children to be capable involved citizens,” and

Whereas, Steve Metcalf’s own preparation to serve as an educator began at the University of Rochester, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in history, and he subsequently earned graduate degrees at Keene State College and the State University of New York at Brockport, and

Whereas, after a distinguished career as a classroom teacher, in 1985, Steve Metcalf assumed the responsibilities of supervising principal in Randolph, a position he held for 20 years, and

Whereas, during this period, an impressive new elementary school building was constructed that has elevated the community’s pride, and

Whereas, in June 2005, Steve Metcalf assumed a new public education administrative role as the Orange-Windsor Supervisory Union’s superintendent, and

Whereas, in 2007, Steve Metcalf's innovative leadership in the Orange-Windsor Supervisory Union led to his appointment as Montpelier's new superintendent, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Montpelier school system's administrative offices were relocated to the high school, and the concept of a service-learning community was introduced, and

Whereas, in December 2008, Steve Metcalf was diagnosed with stage-4 bile duct cancer, and he decided to use his condition as "a teachable moment about grief, disease and death," and

Whereas, he remained involved in school system matters until his decision to retire in early May, and

Whereas, throughout the winter and spring, his grown children, Alex, Ben, and Emily, have been his constant companions, having placed their own lives partially on hold to support their father and bring cheer into his life, and

Whereas, although Steve Metcalf has been hospitalized at Gifford Medical Center, he participated via computer video links in two community celebrations of his life: the first at Randolph Elementary School where 175 friends and colleagues spoke glowingly of his role at the school, dedicated the library in his honor, and presented a commemorative quilt of 35 squares, and

Whereas, he was similarly feted at festivities in Montpelier High School, where the establishment of a scholarship in his honor and the eighth grade class's \$1,000.00 donation were announced, and

Whereas, Steve Metcalf has been a model and mentor for many teachers and school administrators, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Stephen Metcalf as an exemplary public education leader in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Steve Metcalf, to each of his children, to Randolph Elementary School, and to Montpelier High School.