

**No. R-4. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Jenny Hewitt on her selection to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.**

(S.C.R.4)  
(SPECIAL SESSION)

By Senators Campbell, McCormack and Nitka,

By Representatives Ainsworth of Royalton and Mitchell of Barnard,

*Whereas*, in today's highly technological 21st century society, students require a sound foundation in math and science in order to succeed, regardless of their career choices, and

*Whereas*, this core educational prerequisite should be developed when students are in the elementary grades, and

*Whereas*, as a way to encourage excellence in elementary school math and science education, in 2005, the professional golfer, Phil Mickelson, and his wife, Amy, in collaboration with the ExxonMobil Corporation, established the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, and

*Whereas*, with curriculum development and teaching support from the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions, the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy selects 200 outstanding third–fifth grade elementary school teachers from throughout the nation to participate in a specially designed and fun week-long summer camp that bolsters their math and science teaching skills, and

*Whereas*, this all-expense-paid learning experience is conducted at the Liberty Science Center, a nonprofit corporation located across from the Statue

of Liberty, in Jersey City, New Jersey that is “dedicated to offering exceptional science learning experiences,” and

*Whereas*, one of the fortunate teachers selected to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is Jenny Hewitt who teaches the fourth grade at the Pomfret School, and

*Whereas*, Jenny Hewitt’s teaching philosophy is one in which problem-solving is woven throughout the curriculum, and teaching students how to think is central to the education process, and

*Whereas*, she stresses both conceptual understanding and communication skills in her mathematics lessons and has centered her science instruction around the important topic of water, and

*Whereas*, her enthusiasm and creativity in presenting new material will make Jenny Hewitt an ideal participant in the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Jenny Hewitt on her selection to attend the 2009 National Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, and be it further

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Jenny Hewitt at the Pomfret School.