

NO. R-91. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
DIANA LEDDY ON BEING NAMED THE 2009 VERMONT TEACHER  
OF THE YEAR.

(H.C.R.60)

Offered by: Representatives Cheney of Norwich, Masland of Thetford,  
Clark of Vergennes, Donovan of Burlington, Geier of South Burlington,  
Gilbert of Fairfax, Kilmartin of Newport City, Mook of Bennington, Pearce of  
Richford, Peltz of Woodbury, Perley of Enosburg, Waite-Simpson of Essex  
and Zenie of Colchester

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Diana Leddy has been a public school educator at the Newton  
School in South Strafford, and

Whereas, she graduated from Boston College with a major in elementary  
and special education, and she later earned a master's degree in education from  
Antioch New England Graduate School, and

Whereas, since 1983, Diana Leddy has been a faculty member of the  
Newton School in South Strafford, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy is a dedicated classroom instructor who has inspired  
a generation of youngsters to reach for the highest potential level of academic  
achievement, and

Whereas, she assisted, along with her Newton School colleagues Joey  
Hawkins and Danette Hawkins, in the development of new benchmarks for  
students' writing and in the planning and leading of the state's first primary  
writing network, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy has compiled her thoughts on teaching writing to  
students of different ages in a book that she has written, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy is a powerful presence in the classroom, one who makes her students feels safe and cared for while constantly challenging them to reach for new plateaus of achievements, and

Whereas, at a surprise ceremony in September 2008 that the Strafford board of education and the Vermont department of education hosted at Barrett Hall in South Strafford, Diana Leddy was presented the 2009 Vermont Teacher of the Year Award, much to the delight of her admiring colleagues and thrilled students, and

Whereas, as the recipient of this honor, Diana Leddy will travel through the state to meet with other teachers on matters pertaining to public education, and

Whereas, she will represent Vermont in the National Teacher of the Year competition and, in the spring, attend a special recognition ceremony at the White House with President Obama, and

Whereas, Diana Leddy is a most deserving recipient of this award representing the achievements of an outstanding teacher, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Diana Leddy on being named the 2009 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Diana Leddy at the Newton School in South Strafford.