

**No. R-137. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Journey East Program of Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School on its tenth anniversary.**

(H.C.R.91)

Offered by: Representatives Hube of Londonderry, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Obuchowski of Rockingham and Partridge of Windham

Offered by: Senators Shumlin and White

Whereas, a unique and extremely successful example of a community-based international intercultural exchange is the Journey East Program that was established in 2000 at Leland & Gray Union Middle and High School in Townshend, and

Whereas, under its rubric, Leland & Gray has hosted foreign exchange students from Brazil, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Indonesia, Korea, Mexico, Switzerland, Thailand, and the Ukraine, and

Whereas, in the opposite direction, Leland & Gray students have studied in high schools in China, the Czech Republic, France, Italy, Germany, Kashmir, Ladakh, and Switzerland, and

Whereas, Journey East's innovative East Asian educational and performance-related programs have been nurtured in a partnership with the Asian Studies Outreach Program at the University of Vermont and the program's former director, Dr. Juefei Wang, and its current director, Dr. Holden Waterman, and

Whereas, a highlight of the Journey East Program has been the Vermont visits of musical and dance performing groups from China and Inner Mongolia, and

Whereas, full scale performances and educational workshops have been held at a number of local schools statewide, and

Whereas, these groups from China and Inner Mongolia have shared their cultural heritage at several Vermont colleges and universities, and in touring the state, the performers have observed Vermont and the Vermont way-of-life first-hand, and

Whereas, the role of these performers at Leland & Gray has led to important revisions to the study of Asia at the schools of the Windham Central Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, the performers have met leading Vermont officials and performed with Grammy Award-winning cellist Eugene Friesen at the prestigious Berklee School of Music in Boston, and

Whereas, six arts teachers from East Asia resided six months at Leland & Gray learning about American culture, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Journey East Program of Leland & Gray High School on its tenth anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Leland & Gray High School and to Dr. Holden Waterman at the University of Vermont.