

**No. R-295. House concurrent resolution congratulating South Burlington High School Athletic Director Mike O'Day on his receipt of the 2009 Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence.**

(H.C.R.211)

Offered by: Representatives Audette of South Burlington, Baker of West Rutland, Geier of South Burlington, Head of South Burlington and Pugh of South Burlington

Whereas, Mike O'Day is known in Vermont interscholastic sports circles as an exemplary secondary school athletic administrator, and

Whereas, his affinity for athletic competition started when he starred in three sports as a South Burlington High School student, and

Whereas, after graduating from the University of Maine, where he played football and baseball, Mike O'Day became a teacher-coach at Keene (NH) High School, and

Whereas, having developed a reputation for success on the playing field and in the classroom, Mike O'Day returned to Vermont, where he assumed the athletic directorship at Missisquoi Union High School in Swanton, and

Whereas, in 1984, Mike O'Day returned to his alma mater as the South Burlington High School athletic director and has filled this role admirably for the past 26 years, and

Whereas, Mike O'Day has earned professional credentials as a certified athletic administrator and certified master athletic administrator, and

Whereas, as a result of his innovative leadership, South Burlington High School was among the first schools in Vermont to add lacrosse, girls' ice hockey, snowboarding, and dance teams to its roster of team sports, and

Whereas, Mike O'Day is an active leader at both the Vermont Principals' Association and the Vermont State Athletic Directors Association on whose executive committee he has served since 1986, and

Whereas, on behalf of the Vermont Interscholastic Football League, he has worked as the state scheduler for the past 17 years, and

Whereas, he readily volunteers his leadership services to ensure the success of interscholastic athletic programs at South Burlington High School and statewide, and

Whereas, for 19 years, Mike O'Day has been the Vermont liaison for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, and

Whereas, in recognition of his local, state, and national leadership in high school athletics, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association named Mike O'Day the 2009 recipient of its Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence, marking only the second time a New Englander has won this prestigious honor, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates South Burlington High School Athletic Director Mike O'Day on his receipt of the 2009 Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence, and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mike O'Day at South Burlington High School.