

No. R-45. House concurrent resolution congratulating Keith Gerritt on his designation as the Vermont Principals' Association's 2010 High School Principal of the Year.

(H.C.R.36)

Offered by: Representatives Klein of East Montpelier, Ancel of Calais, Peltz of Woodbury, Smith of Morristown and Lewis of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Doyle, Cummings and Pollina

Whereas, a successful high school requires dynamic leadership that enables teachers to achieve their primary goal of maximizing each student's learning potential, and

Whereas, the educational environment that pervades the classrooms, playing fields, musical and theatrical rehearsal halls, and throughout a high school, is to a large extent built on a principal's leadership of the school community, and

Whereas, the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA), in recognition of the essential role that a principal plays at a successful high school, annually names a Vermont High School Principal of the Year from among a group of well-qualified nominees, and

Whereas, the distinguished honoree joins colleagues from every state who are similarly recognized through a program under the combined sponsorship of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and MetLife Inc., and

Whereas, each state's winner travels to our nation's capital to compete in the National High School Principal of the Year competition, and

Whereas, in selecting its finalist, the VPA considers several factors, including the nominee's personal excellence, collaborative leadership, and impact on curriculum development, instructional methodology, and student achievement, and

Whereas, after a careful evaluation of the 2010 pool of candidates, the VPA presented the award to U-32 principal, Keith Gerritt, and

Whereas, U-32, located in East Montpelier, serves students from the Washington Central Supervisory District communities of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Worcester, and

Whereas, prior to arriving at U-32, Keith Gerritt had served as principal at schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and

Whereas, VPA Executive Director Ken Page especially noted that under Keith Gerritt's leadership, U-32 scored the greatest improvement at a Vermont school on tests the New England Common Assessment Program administered in the fall of 2009, and

Whereas, at the start of his tenure at U-32, Keith Gerritt established a committee whose broad purpose was to raise U-32 to a new plateau of education excellence, and

Whereas, as a result of this committee's diligent efforts, there has been a new focus on using technology to improve education, and an innovative ninth grade academy was created to ease students' transition from middle to high school, and

Whereas, Keith Gerritt's achievement enhancing the quality of the educational experience at U-32 certainly merits commendation from his professional colleagues, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Keith Gerritt on his designation as the Vermont Principals' Association's 2010 High School Principal of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Keith Gerritt at U-32 in East Montpelier.