

No. R-212. House concurrent resolution congratulating Andre Messier of Lake Region Union High School on being named the 2012 Vermont MetLife/NASSP High School Principal of the Year.

(H.C.R.161)

Offered by: Representatives Young of Albany, Strong of Albany, Batchelor of Derby, Higley of Lowell, Johnson of Canaan, Kilmartin of Newport City, Lewis of Derby and Marcotte of Coventry

Offered by: Senators Illuzzi and Starr

Whereas, the NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) and MetLife jointly sponsor the National Principal of the Year Award competition for both middle and high schools, and

Whereas, two principals are selected from every state, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity program, and these winners compete for semifinalist and finalist national honors, and

Whereas, the criteria that the judges consider include personal excellence, collaborative leadership, curriculum instruction and assessment, and personalization, and

Whereas, for the award's 2012 cycle, Andre Messier of Lake Region Union High School in Orleans was named the Vermont winner, and

Whereas, Andre Messier's special relationship with Lake Region derives from his being a graduate, a former teacher, and a former assistant principal, and since becoming principal two years ago, he has worked collaboratively with students and teachers to attack the school's high dropout rate, and

Whereas, it is exciting that a principal from one of the state's small rural high schools in the Northeast Kingdom was given this award which also honors the innovative school leadership that he has implemented, and

Whereas, he was informed in advance of this thrilling career milestone and was requested not to reveal his selection as this year's recipient of the Vermont award until an official announcement was released, but such great news proved impossible to keep secret in the closely knit Lake Region community, and

Whereas, once the news was leaked, the school conducted a special honor assembly that everyone except Andre Messier knew was scheduled, and the challenging logistics included the students figuratively, if not literally, tiptoeing to the event, and the vice principal summoning Andre Messier to the event via a walkie-talkie transmitted request, and

Whereas, upon Andre Messier's arrival at the assembly, the students, faculty, and staff proudly presented their principal with a commemorative plaque, and

Whereas, Andre Messier will now be Vermont's contender for MetLife/NASSP National High School Principal of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulate Andre Messier of Lake Region Union High School on being named the 2012 Vermont MetLife/NASSP High

School Principal of the Year and extend best wishes in the national competition, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Andre Messier at Lake Region Union High School.