

No. R-247. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont Interactive Television on winning two international awards.

(H.C.R.201)

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City and Miller of Shaftsbury

Offered by: Senator Mazza

Whereas, established in 1988, Vermont Interactive Television (VIT) provides teleconferencing services to business, government, nonprofit organizations, and schools from 15 studios and employs state-of-the-art technology, and

Whereas, academic courses, business meetings, conferences of all types, and public hearings of general assembly committees are among the innovative uses of this teleconferencing system, and

Whereas, within the past two weeks, VIT has twice been the honored recipient of highly coveted awards, and

Whereas, the first award, announced on April 26, was from the 2011 Computerworld Honors Program which named VIT as a Laureate, and

Whereas, this awards program “recognizes organizations and individuals who have used information technology to promote and advance public welfare, benefit society and change the world for the better,” and

Whereas, over 1,000 contenders were nominated, and only a fraction of the nominees were honored with a Laureate designation, and

Whereas, all of the winning honorees will be formally recognized at a gala reception in Washington, D.C. on June 20 at which each Laureate will be

presented a medallion inscribed with the program's mission, "A Search for New Heroes," and

Whereas, five Laureates, in each of 11 categories, will be named as finalists for a 21st Century Achievement Award, and during the gala, a panel of judges will name one finalist from each category, and

Whereas, on May 4 in St. Louis, VIT was presented a 2011 International Distance Learning Award from the United States Distance Learning Association, and these awards "are presented annually to organizations and individuals engaged in the development and delivery of distance learning programs," and

Whereas, VIT was honored in the videoconferencing – institutional category, and receipt of both awards is a commendable and praiseworthy achievement, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont Interactive Television on winning two international awards, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Interactive Television Executive Director Tara Lidstone in Randolph.