

No. R-376. House concurrent resolution congratulating Vermont's first ENERGY STAR qualified elementary and secondary schools.

(H.C.R.271)

Offered by: Representatives O'Brien of Richmond, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Conquest of Newbury, Deen of Westminster, Ellis of Waterbury, Frank of Underhill, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Hebert of Vernon, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Peltz of Woodbury, Potter of Clarendon, Smith of Morristown, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Webb of Shelburne, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Whereas, Project Green Schools is a collaboration in which Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Superintendents School Energy Management Program are leading the way to "create sustainable and healthy schools for all Vermonters," and

Whereas, this collaborative describes itself as "an action-based initiative that leverages and coordinates a wealth of existing data, skills, and resources towards measurable and meaningful energy performance goals in Vermont's K-12 schools," and

Whereas, as an initial step to satisfying its long-term objectives, Project Green School is working to gain the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR status for all Vermont elementary and secondary schools, and

Whereas, the ENERGY STAR qualification means that a school has met professional standards for healthy ventilation, thermal comfort, and lighting quality, and that it is among the top 25 percent of energy efficient schools in the country, and

Whereas, an ENERGY STAR school demonstrates a measurable and public commitment to reducing the costs of energy, maintaining a high quality and healthy learning-working environment, and providing educational opportunities to students and school staff, and

Whereas, in 2013, 11 schools, with the assistance and support of Project Green School, met the standards for designation as ENERGY STAR qualified, including Addison Central School, Brattleboro Union High School, Camels Hump Middle School, Champlain Valley Union High School, Clarendon Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Lake Region Union High School, Mt. Mansfield Union High School, Shelburne Community School, Waits River Valley School, and Woodbury Elementary School, and

Whereas, Project Green School is committed to expanding the number of schools that are qualified for the Energy Star designation, and to work with the already designated schools to increase their energy efficiency, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Vermont's first ENERGY STAR qualified elementary and secondary schools, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each ENERGY STAR qualified school, to the Vermont Superintendents Association, and to Efficiency Vermont.