

**No. R-457. House concurrent resolution congratulating Marc Chabot on winning State and national teaching awards.**

(H.C.R.341)

Offered by: Representatives Masland of Thetford and Hoyt of Norwich

Whereas, educators recognize that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) classes in high school curriculums are of increasing importance for 21st century students, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot is a Dartmouth College graduate whose academic career has combined both secondary education and technology, and

Whereas, his decision to teach arose from a one-on-one working experience with a child on a Canadian aboriginal reservation in Labrador, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot also earned a master's degree in computer science and shifted his career back and forth between teaching and the technology industry until arriving at Thetford Academy, at the suggestion of head of school Martha Rich, to accept a joint chemistry-physics position, and

Whereas, Thetford Academy proved his ideal employer, and Marc Chabot developed a true passion for teaching, and

Whereas, technology remains a focus of Marc Chabot's professional duties, and he serves as his school's STEM coordinator and robotics advisor, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot has become a teacher held in the highest regard at both Thetford Academy and among his colleagues near and far, and

Whereas, here in Vermont, Marc Chabot was presented the 2014 Angelo J. Dorta Award for Teaching Excellence, the premier recognition that the Vermont-NEA bestows on a teacher, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot will represent Vermont at the national competition for the NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, and

Whereas, winning the Vermont-NEA Award was not Marc Chabot's only special honor this school year, and

Whereas, he was also selected as a Siemens Teachers As Researchers (STARs) Fellow, a program of the Siemens Foundation conducted in association with Discovery Education and Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and

Whereas, Marc Chabot will travel to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee to attend the two-week STARs program, featuring workshops and research opportunities with Oak Ridge scientists and other educators, and

Whereas, truly Marc Chabot is a teacher of extraordinary dedication and talent who is a model for his peers to emulate, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Marc Chabot on winning State and national teaching awards, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Marc Chabot.