

**No. R-52. House concurrent resolution honoring Barry and Wendy Rowland for their leadership in secondary education and their philanthropic community support.**

(H.C.R.36)

Offered by: Representatives Olsen of Londonderry, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Buxton of Tunbridge, Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Jerman of Essex, Juskiwicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Long of Newfane, Manwaring of Wilmington, Sharpe of Bristol, and Wright of Burlington

Offered by: Senators Campbell, Campion, McCormack, and Sears

Whereas, Barry and Wendy Rowland have devoted much of their time and financial resources to promoting innovative ideas to improve the quality of secondary education in Vermont, and

Whereas, Barry Rowland graduated from Yale University and retired as a vice president and chief administrative officer of the mutual fund company Eaton Vance, and his wife, Wendy Rowland, is a graduate of Smith College, and

Whereas, the couple maintains a farm in Londonderry, Vermont, where they have conserved permanently much of the farmland and produce cheese as the West River Creamery, and

Whereas, Barry Rowland was appointed to the Burr and Burton Academy Board of Trustees in 2003 and now serves as its vice chair, and

Whereas, in 2005, the school's Rowland Center was dedicated in honor of their extraordinary support for the Campaign for Burr and Burton, and

Whereas, in 2007, the Rowlands donated an extraordinary \$10,000,000.00 to Burr and Burton Academy, the largest in the school's 180-year history, and

Whereas, also in 2007, the Rowlands created the Rowland Foundation to enable Vermont secondary school teachers to pursue unique professional development opportunities during a Rowland Fellowship sabbatical, and

Whereas, a maximum of ten Rowland Fellowships are offered annually, and

Whereas, the goal of the Rowland Fellowship program is to improve the culture and climate in Vermont's secondary schools in ways that are not necessarily measurable quantitatively, and

Whereas, educators who are Senior Rowland Associates participate in the foundation's strategic planning and help promote its mission, and Rowland Associates lead cohorts of Rowland Fellows organized around specific themes, and

Whereas, Barry and Wendy Rowland's philanthropic generosity has extended to many other local nonprofit organizations, including Hildene, the Lincoln family home; Friends of the West River Trail; and Neighborhood Connections; to name a few, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Barry and Wendy Rowland for their leadership in secondary education and philanthropic generosity, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barry and Wendy Rowland.