

**No. R-167. House concurrent resolution congratulating Brian Godfrey on being named the 2014 Vermont Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.**

(H.C.R.124)

Offered by: Representative O'Brien of Richmond

Whereas, a well-designed elementary school physical education curriculum can launch a youngster on the path of healthy living, and

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance recognizes outstanding educators in this field at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and

Whereas, the organization's selection committee chose Brian Godfrey of the Richmond Elementary School faculty as the 2014 Vermont Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, as an alumnus, Brian Godfrey has a special affinity for the Richmond Elementary School, and

Whereas, Brian Godfrey continued his education at Mt. Mansfield Union High School, graduated from Johnson State College, and pursued graduate work at the University of Vermont, where he conducted research on strategies to prevent childhood obesity, and

Whereas, prior to beginning his current position at Richmond Elementary School, Brian Godfrey worked as a paraeducator at the Stowe Middle School, served as a program coordinator at the Augmented Learning and Movement Center, and taught physical education at the Lincoln Community and Monkton Central schools, and

Whereas, Brian Godfrey is an innovative physical education teacher whose strength as an educator is to inspire learning about healthy living beyond the classroom, and

Whereas, evidence of his creative approach to educating young children about healthy life habits is found on *Mr. Godfrey's Blog*, which is accessible via the Richmond Elementary School's website, and

Whereas, he conducted a Purple Paw Poster Contest in which students designed colorful and fun posters on proteins, fruits, and vegetables, and

Whereas, another project Brian Godfrey features on his blog is the school's partnership with Burton Snowboards, designed to teach the youngest students snowboarding, including indoor instruction and experiences on the slopes, and

Whereas, Brian Godfrey's creativity and success as a teacher persuaded the selection committee to honor him with this award, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Brian Godfrey on being named the 2014 Vermont Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year, and be it further

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