

**No. R-49. House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Mello for his outstanding contributions to public education, including his leadership of the Rutland City School Board.**

(H.C.R.33)

Offered by: Representatives Fagan of Rutland City, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, and Russell of Rutland City

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, for over 45 years, Peter Mello has been a dedicated educator bringing his talents to the forefront in various roles, and

Whereas, he graduated from Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts, earned a master's degree from Rhode Island College in Providence, a certificate of advanced graduate studies from Castleton State College, and completed additional graduate courses at both Castleton State College and the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, Peter Mello's first teaching assignment was in Somerset, Massachusetts, the community where he accepted his first administrative post in 1974 as an assistant principal, and

Whereas, he later served as principal at the Westport, Massachusetts, elementary school, held several curriculum supervisory positions with the Rutland City schools, and lead the Neshobe School in Brandon as its principal, and

Whereas, in more recent years, Peter Mello was both a program administrator and adjunct faculty member at Castleton State College, and

Whereas, in 2003, Rutland City voters elected Peter Mello to the city's school board, where he was always ready to offer his expertise, and

Whereas, fellow school board members recognized Peter Mello's leadership qualities and chose him to serve as their president beginning in 2008, and

Whereas, while Peter Mello sat on the board, the district's excellence initiative was completed, Rutland High School won recognition as a leader in the transformation movement, the Rowland Foundation awarded the district significant financial support for teacher fellowships, Rutland City public schools were leaders in both STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs and global studies initiatives, and major improvements to school buildings were completed, and

Whereas, Peter Mello is now concluding his Rutland City School Board service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Peter Mello for his outstanding contributions to public education, including his leadership of the Rutland City School Board, and be it further

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