

No. R-131. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Cabot School on winning the Teach for the Planet Innovation Challenge.

(H.C.R.95)

Offered by: Representative Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the importance of science education in this era of constantly advancing technology is undeniable, and

Whereas, energy efficiency is intended to conserve limited resources, and

Whereas, despite its small size, the Cabot School offers its students a variety of academic enrichment opportunities, and

Whereas, an example of this specialized course menu is the school's Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental Science class, and

Whereas, Michael Hendrix, the course instructor, submitted an energy efficiency class project proposal to DonorsChoose.org to design the lighting for the joint Twinfield Union High School–Cabot School production of *Lillian: A Folk Opera (Lillian)*, and

Whereas, through DonorsChoose.org, the class secured material to examine energy use, electricity, and efficiency, and

Whereas, the outstanding AP Environmental Studies students who participated in this exciting project included Tyler Abbott, Seth W. Herrick-Trombley, Brittany Houghton, Ian X. Lewis, Caleb Maxfield, Galadriel Morse, Madeline Morse, John Ian Nally, William Nally, Clementine O'Connor, Mark Schumacher, and Lyrica S. Stelle, and

Whereas, following its examination, the class created light sculptures for placement on the set of *Lillian*, reducing the show's electric power needs, and

Whereas, several middle school students, Ben Carpenter, Mia Preston, Mason Ecklund-Gustavson, Billie O'Connor, and Isabel Maine-Torres, as part of the *Lillian* technical crew, installed and operated the sculptures, and

Whereas, although this endeavor was a great educational experience for the participating students, their hard work was rewarded in a totally unexpected way, and

Whereas, DonorsChoose.org selected the Cabot School's energy efficiency project as one of three national finalists for the organization's Teach for the Planet Innovation Challenge, and

Whereas, based on a popular vote, the Cabot School was declared the winner, and the prize was a \$10,000 grant to purchase new science equipment for the school that will greatly enhance the school's science curriculum, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Cabot School on winning the Teach for the Planet Innovation Challenge, and be it further

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