

**No. R-21. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year.**

(S.C.R.4)

By Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina,

By Representative Jessup of Middlesex

*Whereas*, an exemplary mathematics teacher is an expert mathematician, is well-versed in pedagogic methodologies, and has developed an effective personal instructional style and rapport with students, and

*Whereas*, Katherine McCann epitomizes these attributes and has been recognized as a model secondary school mathematics teacher, and

*Whereas*, she earned both a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in education and curriculum instruction from the University of Vermont (UVM), and

*Whereas*, 11 of Katherine McCann's 18 years of service as an innovative teacher have been spent as a U-32 Middle and High School faculty member, and

*Whereas*, the breadth of her course offerings at U-32 ranges from Algebra 1 to Advanced Placement Statistics, and

*Whereas*, Katherine McCann's desire to enhance her teaching skills and her students' classroom experience resulted in her becoming a nationally board certified secondary school mathematics teacher, an important credential she believes more teachers should obtain, and

*Whereas*, in recognition of her leadership and planning skills, Katherine McCann's professional colleagues elected her as co-president of the Vermont Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and in that role she is serving as lead organizer of the 2017 State Math Fair to be held at UVM in March, and

*Whereas*, Katherine McCann is a past recipient of the prestigious Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), and

*Whereas*, the Agency of Education recently concurred with the PAEMST review panel that Katherine McCann is a teacher worthy of special recognition and selected her as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

*Whereas*, Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe presented the award to Katherine McCann at a surprise school assembly on December 20, 2016, and

*Whereas*, Katherine McCann is now the Vermont nominee for the coveted 2017 National Teacher of the Year award that the Council of Chief State School Officers will present this spring in Washington, D.C., *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Katherine McCann on her selection as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Katherine McCann and to U-32 Middle and High School.