

No. R-29. House concurrent resolution congratulating Eric Aho of Saxtons River on his selection as the winner of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

(H.C.R.15)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, the Vermont Arts Council (VAC) presents the annual Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts to a current State resident who is strongly committed to Vermont and who has created a significant body of work that both artistic peers and the public have recognized as worthy of special recognition, and

Whereas, after a careful evaluation of potential honorees, the VAC chose painter Eric Aho as the 2016 recipient, and

Whereas, Eric Aho earned his B.F.A. degree from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston, and he also studied at the Central School of Art and Design in London, England and the Instituto Superior de Arte in Havana, Cuba, and

Whereas, as the winner of a Fulbright Fellowship and a grant from the American-Scandinavian Foundation, he was able to complete graduate studies at the Lahti Institute of Design and Fine Arts in Lahti, Finland, and

Whereas, Eric Aho is best known as an abstract painter whose pictures evoke the natural landscape while conveying a fresh and contemporary perspective, and

Whereas, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, California, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire each include his work in its collections, and

Whereas, his work has been shown internationally in Ireland, Cuba, Finland, Norway, and South Africa, and solo exhibits of Eric Aho's paintings have appeared at the New Britain (Connecticut) Museum of American Art, the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C., and the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, New Hampshire, and

Whereas, Eric Aho has won several major arts awards, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Eric Aho on his selection as the winner of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eric Aho in Saxtons River.