

**No. R-171. House concurrent resolution congratulating Peter Gould on winning the 2016 Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award in Arts Education.**

(H.C.R.136)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Belaski of Windsor, Deen of Westminster, Gannon of Wilmington, Long of Newfane, Murphy of Fairfax, Olsen of Londonderry, Sibilia of Dover, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the Vermont Arts Council (VAC) presents the Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award to a Vermonter who is engaged in arts education as a teacher, teaching artist, or administrator, or a person “whose work has substantially improved student engagement in the arts,” and

Whereas, the recipient must reside in the State; have a great reputation in arts education, based on third-party acclaim or independent reviews; be considered highly among his or her peers; have developed a significant body of work or record of service that the VAC can evaluate; and have a person who is not a VAC member nominate the individual, and

Whereas, the 2016 recipient is Peter Gould of Brattleboro, and

Whereas, Peter Gould’s arts career has extended over 45 years and has focused on acting, directing, teaching, and writing, and

Whereas, he holds both bachelor’s and doctoral degrees from Brandeis University, and

Whereas, Peter Gould founded Get Thee to the Funnery, a youth Shakespeare program that in 2017 celebrates two decades of theatrical activity, and

Whereas, as one-half of Gould & Stearns, a touring youth theater company, he has traveled both domestically and internationally, appearing in more than 3,000 performances featuring physical comedy, story theater, and residencies with young students, and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Peter Gould has directed over 80 plays, and

Whereas, in his teaching role, Peter Gould is on the faculty of the New England Youth Theater and serves as an adjunct professor at Brandeis University, and

Whereas, he is the author of four books, including *Write Naked*, the winner of the 2009 Green Earth Book Award, and

Whereas, Peter Gould is an exemplary arts educator, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Peter Gould on winning the 2016 Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award in Arts Education, and be it further

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