

No. R-250. House concurrent resolution congratulating Linda Cloutier-Namdar on being selected as the 2018 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

(H.C.R.201)

Offered by: Representatives Myers of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Dunn of Essex, Giambatista of Essex, and Houghton of Essex

Whereas, Linda Cloutier-Namdar teaches English in the Essex High School 9th grade core program, serves as a mentor teacher, and is continuously extending her own educational horizons, and

Whereas, ideally suited for the teaching profession, she earned degrees from the University of Vermont and St. Michael's College, including a master's degree in education, and

Whereas, she believes that public school teachers serve as a daily model of responsible and involved citizenship, "while working to uphold the democratic ideal of a public education," and

Whereas, Linda Cloutier-Namdar engages in many professionally related activities, exemplifying her belief in the role of a teacher as a citizen educator, and

Whereas, within the Essex-Westford School District, these roles include serving as a class adviser, participating in school literacy initiatives, sitting on a variety of committees, and being a member of the district's English Language Arts (ELA) Vertical Team, and

Whereas, in collaboration with the Great Schools Partnership and the Vermont Agency of Education, Linda Cloutier-Namdar helped edit and pilot an ELA Transferable Skills Task, and

Whereas, she is a writer for the Essex Westford Education Association, and

Whereas, as a member of the Vermont Writing Collaborative, she has taught workshops at the organization's summer institutes and copresented a seminar at the 2017 New England Secondary School Consortium's School Redesign In Action event, and

Whereas, Linda Cloutier-Namdar's English language education expertise is appreciated at the Flynn Theater, where she serves as teacher-leader, and

Whereas, the Vermont Agency of Education has recognized that Linda Cloutier-Namdar is an outstanding teacher and has selected her as the 2018 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and

Whereas, she will represent Vermont at the Council of Chief State School Officers' 2018 National Teacher of the Year competition to be held in the spring of 2018 in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Linda Cloutier-Namdar on being selected as the 2018 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 Linda Cloutier-Namdar.