

No. R-462. House concurrent resolution honoring exemplary BFA-Fairfax educator Judith Stewart.

(H.C.R.388)

Offered by: Representatives Murphy of Fairfax, Bancroft of Westford, Connor of Fairfield, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, and Rosenquist of Georgia

Offered by: Senators Branagan and Brock

Whereas, Judith Stewart epitomizes the finest attributes of a public school educator, and

Whereas, in 1989, she graduated from Trinity College as a secondary education and teaching major, and

Whereas, in August 1990, Judith Stewart began her teaching career in the social studies department at BFA-Fairfax High School, where she has continued as a stellar faculty member for 28 years, and

Whereas, the classes Judith Stewart has taught have ranged across the department's spectrum, including civics, psychology, sociology and history, and

Whereas, Judith Stewart enhanced her professional credentials, earning a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from St. Michael's College in 2001, and

Whereas, her competence and skill as a teacher have resulted in her mentoring of new BFA-Fairfax faculty members and the supervising of student teachers, and

Whereas, Judith Stewart's other professional roles have included service as a professional development team leader, a vertical team leader for social studies for prekindergarten through grade 12, and a member of the school's Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements Oversight Committee, and

Whereas, in 1998, 2000, and 2002, students nominated Judith Stewart for recognition in the volume *Who's Who Among American Teachers*, and

Whereas, Judith Stewart was honored in 2000 as both the BFA-Fairfax Teacher of the Year and Outstanding Vermont Teacher, and

Whereas, twice, in 2005 and in 2017, Judith Stewart was selected as the BFA-Fairfax High School commencement speaker, and

Whereas, a colleague has commented that Judith Stewart, "believes in the role of a social studies education to create an informed citizenry," and the Franklin West Supervisory Union Director of Curriculum has described Judith Stewart as a teacher who "helps to fuel the inherent desire in fellow educators" to learn continuously and challenge the status quo, and

Whereas, this spring, Judith Stewart will complete her teaching career, and the BFA-Fairfax faculty, staff, and students will miss her, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors exemplary BFA-Fairfax educator Judith Stewart, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Judith Stewart at BFA-Fairfax High School.