

No. R-472. House concurrent resolution honoring Peter Geiss for his exemplary public service as a school board member in the Underhill Central School and Mount Mansfield Modified Union School districts.

(H.C.R.398)

Offered by: Representatives Till of Jericho, Squirrell of Underhill, Gardner of Richmond, Stevens of Waterbury, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, local school board members work directly with administrators, parents, teachers, students, and other citizens on every aspect of public education, and

Whereas, for many Vermonters, school board members may provide their only direct interaction with elected officials, and

Whereas, Peter Geiss is originally from the Bronx, New York, and resided in Littleton, New Hampshire, before relocating to Vermont, and

Whereas, in 1981, he successfully stood for election to serve on the Underhill Central School Board and proved a studious school board member, who mastered the issues associated with public education, and

Whereas, Peter Geiss spent innumerable hours on the board's negotiations committee, developing contracts that were fair to the staff and the district, and

Whereas, the attention and dedication he devoted to his duties won him a long tenure on the Underhill Central School Board, until its merger with the new Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District in 2014, and

Whereas, his many years of service on the Underhill Central School Board included terms as long-serving vice chair and as chair, and

Whereas, in 2015, Peter Geiss ran for a seat on the new Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District Board and became a charter member of this regional school governance panel, and

Whereas, as a member of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District Board, Peter Geiss became known for his willingness to offer a motion to adjourn, and

Whereas, in 2018, Peter Geiss decided to conclude his 37 years of school board service and not seek reelection, and

Whereas, although Peter Geiss is no longer reviewing proposed school budgets and negotiating school staff contracts, he remains an elected Underhill official as one of his town's justices of the peace, an office to which he was originally elected in 2010, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Peter Geiss for his exemplary public service as a school board member in the Underhill Central School and Mount Mansfield Modified Union School districts, and be it further

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