

No. R-188. House concurrent resolution honoring Fair Haven Grade School principal Wayne Cooke on his exemplary career in public education.

(H.C.R.155)

Offered by: Representatives Canfield of Fair Haven and Helm of Fair Haven

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Hooker, and McNeil

Whereas, Wayne (Skip) Cooke's first professional association with the Fair Haven public schools was as a student teacher, and

Whereas, in 1969, he graduated from what has become Castleton University, from which he later earned a master's degree, and then he joined the Fair Haven Union High School faculty in 1970 and eventually served as a curriculum coordinator of reading, English, and foreign languages, and

Whereas, outside the classroom, Skip Cooke was a successful baseball, basketball, and football coach, and

Whereas, in 1982, Skip Cooke's faculty peers selected him as the school's outstanding teacher of the year, and in 1983, he served for several months as acting assistant principal, and

Whereas, in 1984, having confirmed his skill as a school administrator, Skip Cooke began an unusual 35-year tenure as the Fair Haven Grade School principal, and

Whereas, in 2008, the National Association of Elementary School Principals named Skip Cooke as a National Distinguished Principal of the Year, and

Whereas, in June 2019, Skip Cooke will end his long and highly successful professional association with the Fair Haven Public Schools, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Fair Haven Grade School principal Wayne Cooke on his exemplary career in public education, and be it further

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