

**No. R-139. House concurrent resolution congratulating 2023 Peacemaker Award winners Liz Brown and Mia Fowler.**

(H.C.R.113)

Offered by: Representative Coffey of Guilford

Whereas, shortly after the Columbine High School shooting rampage in 1999, a local clergyperson suggested to the Traprock Center for Peace & Justice in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and the Interfaith Council of Franklin County, Massachusetts, that they should jointly honor local students “who are finding ways to work for peace, and social and environmental justice,” and this resulted in the Peacemaker Award, and

Whereas, in June 2022, a group of high school students who attend the Pioneer Valley Regional School in Northfield, Massachusetts, formed Active Community Trainers (ACT) to encourage student-bystander training, and

Whereas, during the summer of 2022, these students participated in a training program with the national organization Right to Be, in which they studied the 5Ds of bystander intervention: distract, delegate, document, delay, and direct, and

Whereas, during the current school year, the ACT students collaborated with Pioneer Valley faculty in the development of a bystander training curriculum that the students presented to seventh graders, and

Whereas, the ACT students did an incredible job teaching the course, demonstrating empathy, humor, and knowledge, and they served as great mentors to the younger students, and

Whereas, in recognition of their effective effort, the ACT students, including Vernon residents Liz Brown and Mia Fowler, are 2023 Peacemaker Award winners, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 2023 Peacemaker Award winners Liz Brown and Mia Fowler, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Liz Brown and Mia Fowler.