

**No. R-252. House concurrent resolution honoring Steve Mason for his dedicated and superb leadership of the Lowell School Board and the North Country Supervisory Union Board.**

(H.C.R.193)

Offered by: Representatives Higley of Lowell, Labor of Morgan, Marcotte of Coventry, Page of Newport City, and Smith of Derby

Offered by: Senators Ingalls and Starr

Whereas, an example of an ideal school board member and leader is Steve Mason of Lowell, whose long service on both local and supervisory union panels has won much praise, and

Whereas, school board service requires a special commitment to the governance and improvement of local public schools and an ability to meet the needs of students, teachers, parents, and the broader taxpaying community, and

Whereas, longevity in school board leadership roles is becoming increasingly unusual, given that the important issues confronting school boards are subject to intense public scrutiny, and

Whereas, Steve Mason chaired the Lowell School Board for 19 years (2005–2024), the North Country Supervisory Union Board for eight years (2014–2022), and the North Country Supervisory Union Policy Committee for 17 years (2005–2022), and

Whereas, he has always been passionate about students being engaged learners with rigorous instruction that transcends the classroom, and

Whereas, Steve Mason has worked tirelessly to develop fiscally responsible district and supervisory union budgets for voter approval, while simultaneously proposing the best possible available curriculum and education opportunities, and

Whereas, the Lowell School’s students, teachers, administrators, and support staff will miss Steve Mason’s knowledge and wisdom and his unique ability to ask thought provoking questions, encouraging everyone, always, regardless of age, to do his or her best, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Steve Mason for his dedicated and superb leadership of the Lowell School Board and the North Country Supervisory Union Board, and be it further

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