

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 55

House concurrent resolution honoring Chris Rivers on his transformative career as Harwood Union Middle and High School Music Department Chair

Offered by: Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield, Holcombe of Norwich, Stevens of Waterbury, Torre of Moretown, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, music studies at Harwood Union Middle and High School are renowned in large measure because of the innovative leadership of Chris Rivers, and

Whereas, his musical odyssey included the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam, from which he graduated, and continued with graduate studies at Florida State University, where he switched from a performance to a pedagogic focus and earned a master's degree in teaching, and

Whereas, as a trumpeter, Chris Rivers specialized in brass ensemble, and in leading the seventh grade, eighth grade, and high school bands at Harwood, as well as in teaching music theory and the history of rock and roll, the latter recently presented online for the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative, and

Whereas, he is responsible for an extensive private lesson program that both involves nine non-faculty instructors who teach lessons on clarinet, drums, guitar, trombone, trumpet, and other instruments and encourages participation regardless of a family's ability to afford an instrument, and

Whereas, problem-solving, discipline, and how to meet a challenge are essential lessons that Chris Rivers emphasizes in his classes, and

Whereas, after a stellar 33-year career at Harwood, Chris Rivers is concluding his teaching and school administrative duties and anticipates expanding his own performance schedule, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Chris Rivers on his transformative career as Harwood Union Middle and High School Music Department Chair, and be it further

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