

No. R-141. House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex Middle School science teacher Andrew Kasprisin on his designation as the 2025 Vermont finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

(H.C.R.117)

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Conlon of Cornwall, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Garofano of Essex, Harple of Glover, Houghton of Essex Junction, Hunter of Manchester, and Long of Newfane

Whereas, since Congress established this program in 1983, the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), which the National Science Foundation (NSF) administers on behalf of the Office of the President and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), has been the federal government's highest recognition for K–12 math and science teachers, and

Whereas, PAEMST recognizes the importance of elementary and secondary school educators in encouraging students to pursue mathematics, engineering, computer science, and natural science education in the classroom and as a potential career, and

Whereas, jurisdictional finalists for this prestigious honor are selected through a rigorous review process in each state, the District of Columbia, American territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and

Whereas, the 2025 PAEMST Vermont finalist is Essex Middle School science teacher Andrew Kasprisin, a distinguished public educator, whose teaching excellence at the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering has been previously recognized, and

Whereas, Andrew Kasprisin directs his students to examine topics as if they were scientists and not merely reading information from a book, and he poses questions to the students that guide them through an innovative applied learning process, incorporating real-world phenomena, and

Whereas, this exemplary practitioner of secondary school science pedagogy is a superb choice for designation as the Vermont finalist, and

Whereas, once the jurisdictional finalists are selected, the NSF convenes a national selection committee; the committee then evaluates the finalists and recommends two per jurisdiction (assuming the jurisdiction had a minimum of two finalists) to the OSTP for national finalist recognition; and the national finalists attend a special conference in Washington, DC, which has historically featured a presidential event, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Essex Middle School science teacher Andrew Kasprisin on his designation as the 2025 Vermont finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, *and be it further*

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