No. R-143. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Oak Meadow homeschool curriculum developer and distance learning school on its 50th anniversary and extending best wishes for the future.

(H.C.R.119)

Offered by Representative Mrowicki of Putney

Whereas, in 1975 in California, Lawrence and Bonnie Williams established Oak Meadow as a secular, independent K–12 school and as a provider of print-based, student-centric curricula focused on children's developmental stages, and

Whereas, in 1996, Oak Meadow relocated to Vermont, and in 2007, the company transferred its corporate registration from California to Vermont, and

Whereas, the provision of distance learning services, especially for the international market, is a major aspect of Oak Meadow's operations, and in 2015, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges awarded its first accreditation of a distance learning school to Oak Meadow, and

Whereas, domestically, scores of traditional public schools, public charter schools, and alternative educational programs throughout the nation rely on the Oak Meadow curriculum, and internationally, Oak Meadow subsidized enrollment for students from an orphanage in India and provided the curriculum used in a small private school in Kabul, Afghanistan, and

Whereas, in 1998, Oak Meadow's co-founder, Lawrence Williams, wrote that "What primarily distinguishes Oak Meadow from other schools is not the outer form which we use, but our inner attitude...our primary concern is the quality of our relationship with the student and the learning process," and

Whereas, in 2021, Lawrence Williams passed away unexpectedly, leaving the business in the capable hands of his children, Chloe and Skye Lee, and

Whereas, in 2025, Oak Meadow's mission is "to help students and families experience the joy of learning and create meaningful change in the world," and

Whereas, on June 1, 2025, Oak Meadow's dedicated faculty, staff, and generations of students and families will gather in Brattleboro to mark 50 years of heartful passion and expertise poured into cultivating the compassionate and personalized educational experiences that nurture the joy of learning, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Oak Meadow homeschool curriculum developer and distance learning school on its 50th anniversary and extends best wishes for the future, *and be it further*

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