

No. R-147. House concurrent resolution honoring Shaun Murphy of Guilford for his nearly quarter century of exemplary educational governance public service.

(H.C.R.123)

Offered by Representatives Eastes of Guilford, Burke of Brattleboro, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, as a school board member, Shaun Murphy has strived to preserve the best of Vermont's system of public education while thinking forward towards the future, and

Whereas, his involvement with public education started in 2001 as a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee established to develop the renovation plan for Brattleboro Union High School and to prepare a bond issue, and

Whereas, this milestone odyssey in educational planning and strategizing proved successful, as the largest then-to-date bond issue in Vermont was passed, the construction work completed, and the school was able to maintain its accreditation, and

Whereas, as a result of his membership on this unusual panel, Shaun Murphy developed a strong desire to continue his participation as a citizen public education overseer, and

Whereas, not surprisingly, the BUHS District 6 Board, then responsible for the oversight of Brattleboro Union High School, was his destination, and

Whereas, in 2019, the Windham Southeast School District was created, replacing the BUHS District 6 Board, and Shaun Murphy joined this new school committee and served diligently until March 2025, and

Whereas, for the period 2024–2025, Shaun Murphy also served on the separate Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Board, and for many years, he was a member of the Guilford School Board, and

Whereas, throughout his over two decades of school board service, Shaun Murphy was committed to supporting the highest quality educational experience, and he advocated for the rights of all students, especially those of color, those who were LGBTQIA+, and individuals with disabilities, and

Whereas, complex topics, such as school financing, never intimidated him; he always worked with dignity and courtesy, observing the highest ethical standards and acting with courage and conviction, even during times of stress; and his public school board service constituted the highest strata of excellence, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Shaun Murphy of Guilford for his nearly quarter century of exemplary educational governance public service, *and be it further*

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