

**No. R-236. House concurrent resolution designating February 2026 as School Board Appreciation Month in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.195)

Offered by Representatives Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Boutin of Barre City, Brady of Williston, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Chapin of East Montpelier, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Dobrovich of Williamstown, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Donahue of Northfield, Duke of Burlington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Emmons of Springfield, Garofano of Essex, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, James of Manchester, Kimbell of Woodstock, Kleppner of Burlington, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, Luneau of St. Albans City, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Morrow of Weston, Mrowicki of Putney, Nelson of Derby, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Page of Newport City, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Pritchard of Pawlet, Rachelson of Burlington, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Sibilia of Dover, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweeney of Shelburne, Taylor of Mendon, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, White of Bethel, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

*Whereas*, perhaps no other category of elected officials is subject to more exacting scrutiny than locally elected school board members, and

*Whereas*, service on a local school board involves working directly with students, parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, and the broader taxpaying public, and

*Whereas*, on behalf of their respective districts, school board members must design sustainable budgets, which provide the best educational opportunities for students, while addressing the realities of a district's financial limitations, goals that can be in conflict, and

*Whereas*, navigating this challenge is a major civic responsibility that dedicated school board members perform as they carefully weigh all the factors involved in reaching the consequential decisions that affect their communities, and

*Whereas*, the still-uncertain ramifications arising from the General Assembly's adoption of 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, the recently enacted public education governance legislation, will pose new challenges for school board members across the State, and

*Whereas*, school board members are elected officials who receive far less appreciation and thanks than they merit for their demanding and essential public service, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly designates February 2026 as School Board Appreciation Month in Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont School Board Association.