

No. R-284. House concurrent resolution congratulating Malik Hines on his being named a National Afterschool Association's 2026 Next Generation of Afterschool Leader.

(H.C.R.232)

Offered by Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Bosch of Clarendon, Harvey of Castleton, Howland of Rutland Town, Malay of Pittsford, McCoy of Poultney, Pinsonault of Dorset, and Pritchard of Pawlet

Offered by Senators Collamore, Weeks, and Williams

Whereas, the educational and recreational activities offered in after-school programs serve as an important element of the day for many youngsters, and

Whereas, one of Vermont's premier organizations offering after-school services is the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County, for which Malik Hines of Castleton, who previously worked at the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, serves as the respected director of operations, and

Whereas, the staff, volunteers, and youngsters associated with this Rutland organization all recognize that Malik Hines is an enthusiastic and talented individual whose role is critical to the institution's smooth management, and

Whereas, annually, the National Afterschool Association "celebrates outstanding early-career professionals [30 years of age and younger] who are making a meaningful impact in the out-of-school time field through leadership, dedication, and a passion for helping youth succeed," and

Whereas, the selection panel had the challenging task of narrowing the pool of more than 140 outstanding nominees to just 30 individuals to be admitted into the 2026 Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders cohort, and Malik Hines was delighted to be one of these individuals, and

Whereas, these superb young after-school leaders were honored last month at the annual convention of the National Afterschool Association held in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County is incredibly proud that Malik Hines is a recipient of this extraordinary and much-deserved national recognition, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Malik Hines on his being named a National Afterschool Association's 2026 Next Generation of Afterschool Leader, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Malik Hines and the Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County.