

No. R-324. House concurrent resolution congratulating Linda Alvarez on being named the 2026 Vermont Teacher of the Year and commending the two distinguished finalists.

(H.C.R.266)

Offered by Representatives McCann of Montpelier, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Berbeco of Winooski, Bishop of Colchester, Bluemle of Burlington, Branagan of Georgia, Brown of Richmond, Burke of Brattleboro, Burkhardt of South Burlington, Coffin of Cavendish, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cooper of Pownal, Dolan of Essex Junction, Duke of Burlington, Eastes of Guilford, Goldman of Rockingham, Goodnow of Brattleboro, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harple of Glover, Holcombe of Norwich, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hunter of Manchester, James of Manchester, Krasnow of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Long of Newfane, Marcotte of Coventry, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McGill of Bridport, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan, M. of Milton, Morris of Springfield, Morrissey of Bennington, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Olson of Starksboro, Pinsonault of Dorset, Rachelson of Burlington, Sibilia of Dover, Stone of Burlington, Sweeney of Shelburne, Tomlinson of Winooski, Torre of Moretown, Wells of Brownington, Wood of Waterbury, and Yacovone of Morristown

Whereas, every year since 1964, the Vermont Agency of Education and its predecessor, the Department of Education, has honored one outstanding public school teacher in the State as the Teacher of the Year, who is recognized at the University of Vermont's Outstanding Teacher Day and represents Vermont at the National Teacher of the Year program in Washington, DC, and

Whereas, in 2026, the deserving recipient of this commendation is Linda Alvarez, an instructor for four years in business and entrepreneurship at the Windham Regional Career Center in Brattleboro, and she is especially delighted to be the first Vermont career technical education teacher to receive this award, and

Whereas, Linda Alvarez graduated with a history major and an education minor from the University of Florida; holds an MBA in management, marketing, and communications from Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts; and is completing a certificate in school management and leadership at Harvard University, and

Whereas, Secretary of Education Zoe Saunders has described Linda Alvarez as a teacher with a "commitment to equity, innovation, and excellence [who] prepares students not only for careers and college, but for meaningful lives beyond the classroom," and

Whereas, Windham Regional Career Center Director Nancy Wiese described Linda Alvarez as "a visionary who equips ... [students] not only with skills but also with confidence and purpose to face the future," and

Whereas, Linda Alvarez provides her students with hands-on real-world experience that benefits them whether they attend college or proceed directly from high school graduation into the workforce, and

Whereas, beyond her classroom duties, Linda Alvarez advises her school's Future Business Leaders of America chapter, serves on the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Special Education Parent Advisory Council, and is an adjunct professor at the Community College of Vermont, and

Whereas, special recognition is extended to this year's two distinguished finalists, Jason Raymond from the Burlington Technical Center and Erin Randall of South Burlington High School, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Linda Alvarez on being named the 2026 Vermont Teacher of the Year and commends the two distinguished finalists, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Linda Alvarez, Jason Raymond, and Erin Randall.