

**No. R-353. House concurrent resolution honoring Patricia Gibbons for her extraordinary half-century teaching career in the Town of Bennington.**

(H.C.R.295)

Offered by Representatives Greer of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Cooper of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, and Nigro of Bennington

Offered by Senators Bongartz and Plunkett

*Whereas*, in September 1975, Patricia Gibbons became a member of the faculty at Mount Anthony Union High School in the Town of Bennington, and

*Whereas*, after three short years of high school teaching, recognizing that the high school pace did not match her preferred teaching style, she transferred to the North Bennington Graded School, now known as the Village School of North Bennington, and

*Whereas*, this new scholastic setting proved ideal, and she has described her good fortune to teach at this school as having “won the lottery,” and

*Whereas*, with great creativity, Pat Gibbons taught reading and the magic of books to her students in her third through sixth grade classes at the school, and

*Whereas*, her remarkable pedagogical record served as a pillar of the school, which, during her tenure, transformed in many ways, and

*Whereas*, Pat Gibbons’s nearly 50 years of faculty service at the Village School of North Bennington represents an exemplary testament to her love of learning and to the North Bennington community, and

*Whereas*, she has touched countless lives, nurturing and inspiring generations of students with kindness, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to providing them with the best possible education, and

*Whereas*, after nearly five decades of educating the children of North Bennington, Pat Gibbons’s decision to put down her pencil and chalk represents the end of an era that many will long cherish and remember, *now therefore be it*

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

That the General Assembly honors Patricia Gibbons for her extraordinary half-century teaching career in the Town of Bennington, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Pat Gibbons, the Village School of North Bennington, and the North Bennington Village Board of Trustees.