

No. R-16 (Special Session). House concurrent resolution honoring outstanding Windham County music educator Andrew Davis.

(H.C.R.2)

Offered by: Representatives Sibilio of Dover, Burke of Brattleboro, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, Andy Davis started his musical life as a banjo-playing folksinger and migrated to Vermont in search of a less hectic and simpler lifestyle, and

Whereas, although Andy Davis had never attended college, he was attracted to the School for International Training's World Issues program, and

Whereas, seeking a way to earn additional income, Andy Davis began substitute teaching and eventually taught music in Guilford, Brattleboro, and Dover, and

Whereas, his talent and love of teaching, especially on the elementary school level, persuaded Andy Davis to obtain his teacher certification, ensuring his long-term authorization to work in a public school, and

Whereas, since 1986, Andy Davis has been the esteemed music teacher at the Dover School, and his enthusiasm and approach to the musical arts are unique, and

Whereas, Andy Davis has brought the music of many nations into his classroom, introducing his students to a broad cultural diversity of musical genres, and

Whereas, the Dover School's Friday morning sings are a weekly occasion for the school community to raise its unifying and joyful voice, and

Whereas, he has drawn upon his craftsmanship skills in supervising his students' construction of drums that the youngsters play in the classroom and at school assemblies, and

Whereas, Andy Davis has directed school plays and many types of musical and dance events at the Dover School, and

Whereas, aside from his school role, Andy Davis cofounded the New England Dancing Masters, where he plays music and calls contra dances, and

Whereas, this June, Andy Davis is concluding his 32-year classroom tenure at the Dover School, and District 6 of the Vermont Music Educators Association has honored him as its 2018 Music Educator of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors outstanding Windham County music educator Andrew Davis, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Andrew Davis and the Dover School.