

**No. R-28. House concurrent resolution congratulating Robert McBride on receiving the 2016 Vermont Arts Council's Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy.**

(H.C.R.14)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, annually, the Vermont Arts Council presents the Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy to a Vermonter committed to furthering the arts in fields such as accessibility, administration, education, mentoring, philanthropy, or in other aspects of arts promotion, and

Whereas, the award's recipient must be a person currently residing in the State whom third-party reviewers have acclaimed and who has developed a significant body of work or record of service, and

Whereas, Robert McBride, the 2016 winner, has earned an exemplary reputation as a painter and arts administrator, and

Whereas, he earned a B.A. in painting from the University of California at Berkeley and an M.F.A. from Hunter College in New York City, and

Whereas, Robert McBride has described his colorful paintings as allowing him to "translate much of the stimulation (visual, audio, emotional) that I take in from living into tangible forms," and

Whereas, in 1995, Robert McBride's artistic life evolved in a new and exciting direction when he established the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP), and

Whereas, RAMP works to demonstrate that artists can play a significant role in the sustainability of rural communities culturally and economically, and

Whereas, the fruits of this highly successful artistic endeavor have included creating affordable live/work spaces for artists, public arts projects, and artist town meetings that directly engage artists in the community, and

Whereas, Robert McBride's varied community and public service roles have included serving on the boards of the Vermont Performance Lab, Friends of the State House, the Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Southern Vermont Regional Marketing Program, and the Windham Regional Planning Commission, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Robert McBride on receiving the 2016 Vermont Arts Council's Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Robert McBride.