

No. R-63. House concurrent resolution designating February 19, 2015, as Afterschool and Summer Learning Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.44)

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Baser of Bristol, Batchelor of Derby, Berry of Manchester, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Briglin of Thetford, Burke of Brattleboro, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Conquest of Newbury, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fagan of Rutland City, Feltus of Lyndon, Fields of Bennington, Fiske of Enosburgh, Frank of Underhill, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of Winooski, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Hooper of Montpelier, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lucke of Hartford, Macaig of Williston, Manwaring of Wilmington, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Murphy of Fairfax, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Parent of St. Albans City, Partridge of Windham, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Derby, Sibilia of Dover, Smith of New Haven, Stevens of Waterbury, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Troiano of Stannard, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Campion, Balint, Bray, Cummings, Degree, Doyle, MacDonald, McCormack, Nitka, and Sears

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs keep children and youth safe, inspire learning, and help working families, and

Whereas, Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELOs) are “structured programs designed to serve children and youth outside the school day,” and they seek to create educational exploration and growth beyond the traditional classroom, and

Whereas, high-quality Expanded Learning Opportunities are typically based on collaborations of schools and partners including community groups, libraries, organizations serving youths, and local recreation departments, and

Whereas, ELOs result in multiple benefits for youth, including improvements in personal, social, and academic skills, and

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs support major education initiatives, including the proficiency-based graduation requirement and the multi-state Partnership for 21st Century Skills, and

Whereas, according to Vermont Afterschool, Inc., more than 24 percent (21,690) of Vermont students in kindergarten through 12th grade participate in afterschool learning programs, and 33 percent of those who are not enrolled would participate if a program were available, and

Whereas, the 2014 *America After 3PM* report ranked Vermont fourth in the nation for afterschool programming, with a 95 percent parent satisfaction rate, and

Whereas, Vermont's PreK–16 Council's Working Group on Expanded Learning Time documented that every dollar spent on high-quality afterschool and summer learning programs returns \$2.18 in long-term savings and benefits, and

Whereas, the State's schools and communities are able to leverage important federal funding for afterschool and summer learning programs, and

Whereas, educators, teachers, advocates, parents, and students involved in these programs are in Montpelier today to celebrate their work and to continue learning about best practices for their respective programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 19, 2015, as Afterschool and Summer Learning Day at the State House, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Afterschool, Inc.