

No. R-74. House concurrent resolution designating February 27, 2013 Afterschool & Summer Learning Day at the State House.

(H.C.R.44)

Offered by: Representatives Mrowicki of Putney, Batchelor of Derby, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Donovan of Burlington, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, Jerman of Essex, Krowinski of Burlington, Lenex of Shelburne, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Moran of Wardsboro, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, Vermonters have a societal obligation to offer young persons a full range of childhood opportunities, and if youngsters are positively engaged in their schools and communities, they are more likely to develop into healthy and productive citizens and leaders, and

Whereas, over 30,000 Vermont youngsters participate in afterschool and summer learning programs conducted under the auspices of schools and community organizations, and these programs complement the school curriculum with academic enrichment opportunities, and

Whereas, these important learning programs focus on bridging the achievement gap between lower and higher income students, and

Whereas, in the summer, these learning programs help prepare students to be ready academically for the new school year and provide youngsters with healthy vacation activities and nutritious meals, and

Whereas, afterschool and summer learning programs give our youth positive relationships with adults in their communities, and

Whereas, the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence, through its Individualized Coaching Model for Program Improvement, the Mentors for Quality Program, and its annual statewide afterschool conference provides professional development opportunities for the schools, community organizations, and instructors who participate in these educational programs, and

Whereas, today, February 27, 2013, educators, teachers, advocates, and students have gathered at the State House to celebrate their work and to continue learning about best practices for Vermont's afterschool and summer learning programs, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates February 27, 2013 Afterschool & 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 the Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence.