

No. R-75. House concurrent resolution honoring Richard Werner for his outstanding leadership of the Dover School Board.

(H.C.R.56)

Offered by: Representatives Sibia of Dover, Burke of Brattleboro, Hebert of Vernon, Long of Newfane, Manwaring of Wilmington, Olsen of Londonderry, Partridge of Windham, Toleno of Brattleboro, Trieber of Rockingham, and

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the town of Dover has one small school, with fewer than 100 students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and

Whereas, Dover Elementary students are offered an academically challenging curriculum and earn consistently high scores on the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program exams, and

Whereas, an important reason for the school's success is the insightful leadership of Dover School Board Chair Richard Werner, whose board service totals 20 years, and

Whereas, as board chair, Richard Werner set clear goals and high expectations for the Dover Elementary School, while respecting the educational expertise of the school's administrators, and

Whereas, Richard Werner was able to navigate changing State funding, taxing mandates, and the political environment, and he retained the trust of local voters, and

Whereas, under his leadership, the Dover School Board presented the voters taxpayer-friendly and educationally sound budgets they always approved, and

Whereas, Richard Werner was instrumental in the Dover Elementary School's completion of building renovations and an expansion of the school's campus, and

Whereas, his development of capital budget accounts financed the school's physical improvements, while the school district maintained stable tax rates, and

Whereas, Richard Werner led the town and school district in helping Dover become a solar powered community, and

Whereas, he also brought innovative and thoughtful leadership to his roles as vice chair and chair of the Windham Central Supervisory Union board, and

Whereas, the continuing academic success of the Dover Elementary School, despite being one of Vermont's smaller schools, is a tribute to Richard Werner's wise leadership of the Dover School Board, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Richard Werner for his outstanding leadership of the Dover School Board, and be it further

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