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No. R-152. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Town of Stowe on earning a three-year designation as a Quality Youth Development Community.

(H.C.R.99)

Offered by: Representative Scheuermann of Stowe

Whereas, the National Quality Youth Development (QYD) Program honors communities that demonstrate "sustainable and substantive efforts that support, engage, inspire, and empower youth," and

Whereas, to be awarded QYD certification, a group of adults and youth must engage in a 12-month process to achieve a set of qualifying benchmarks, and

Whereas, in recognition of the Stowe QYD Steering Committee, under the leadership of Kate Lewton and Cole Heidelberger, achieving seven of the ten benchmarks, on January 20, 2022, the National QYD Program awarded Stowe a three-year designation as a QYD Community, and

Whereas, among the achieved benchmarks were community funding of youth programs, creating a professional youth-mentoring program, broad display of "Youth Are Welcome" posters, youth service on the boards of nonprofit organizations and on community-wide committees, youth access to social services and resources outside a school setting, and the establishment of local government and business youth internships, and

Whereas, during the next three years, the committee may complete the balance of the benchmarks and earn for Stowe a designation as a Four-Star QYD Community, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Town of Stowe on earning a three-year designation as a Quality Youth Development Community, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Stowe QYD Committee.