

**No. R-137. House concurrent resolution congratulating the students of Monument Elementary School in Bennington for their special effort to assist the victims of the recent natural and nuclear disasters in Japan.**

(H.C.R.120)

Offered by: Representatives Campion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington and Morrissey of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, as the world has witnessed with enormous sadness the recent earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster that have befallen Japan, the students at the Monument Elementary School in Bennington displayed a degree of understanding and generosity which greatly impressed their parents and the local community, and

Whereas, two sisters from Japan are currently students at the school, and the school's parent-teacher organization known as AIM (Adults Interested in Monument) decided it would be a fitting gesture of support to make a donation to the massive relief efforts in Japan, and

Whereas, AIM set aside \$300.00 for this worthy purpose and arranged for collection jugs to be placed in each classroom as a challenge to the students to contribute loose change in an effort to match the AIM gift, and

Whereas, to the surprise and delight of the AIM leadership, these young elementary school students more than met the adults' challenge, and

Whereas, when the money from the jugs was tabulated, over \$480.00 was counted, and the AIM leadership was extremely proud of the responsibility and willingness the students demonstrated in raising this large a sum, and

Whereas, at the recommendation of the Japanese family whose daughters are students at the Monument School, the money will be contributed to the Japanese Red Cross, and

Whereas, the Monument School students merit the special thanks and recognition of this legislature for the wonderful way in which they have expressed their personal solidarity with the victims of the recent events in Japan, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the students of Monument Elementary School in Bennington for their special effort to assist the victims of the recent natural and nuclear disasters in Japan, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the students at the Monument Elementary School in Bennington.