

No. R-183. House concurrent resolution congratulating John D. Dilts on the completion of his outstanding career in public education.

(H.C.R.129)

Offered by: Representative Acinapura of Brandon

Whereas, John Dilts has dedicated his career to educating schoolchildren in Vermont's public schools, and

Whereas, prior to his first professional teaching assignment, he earned an undergraduate degree at Rutgers University and spent a year as a Vista volunteer in Omaha, Nebraska developing a reading clinic for inner city children, and

Whereas, after teaching for four years in New Jersey, John Dilts wisely relocated to Vermont, where he has worked as either a teacher or a school administrator for the past 31 years, and

Whereas, from 1978 to 1981, John Dilts was employed as a resource room teacher in Woodstock, and

Whereas, in 1981, he switched to the administrative side of the educational world in the field of special education in the Rutland Central Supervisory Union, and

Whereas, while working in Rutland, John Dilts earned a master's degree in special education from the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, and

Whereas, starting in 1990, John Dilts has served as an outstanding school principal, initially at the Sudbury Country School and subsequently at the

Shoreham Elementary and the Rutland Intermediate schools before assuming his present position at the Neshobe Elementary School in Brandon in 2003, and

Whereas, John Dilts is a member and leader of many professional organizations of public school educators, and

Whereas, he has served as an adjunct instructor at both Castleton State College and the College of St. Joseph, and

Whereas, the educational needs of the incarcerated population were the focus of John Dilts's attention during his service on and chairing of the Rutland Community Correctional Center educational advisory board, and

Whereas, locally, he has been a community leader and currently chairs the steering committee of the Boys and Girls Club of Brandon, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the 2008–2009 school year, John Dilts will retire, and he has earned the respect of his fellow principals around the state, and his teaching staff, students, and their parents, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates John D. Dilts on the completion of his outstanding career in public education and wishes him all the best as he embarks on retirement, and be it further

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