

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 152

House concurrent resolution congratulating New England Kurn Hattin Homes Principal Tom Fahner on being named the Vermont Principals' Association John Winton National Middle Level Principal-of-the-Year

Offered by: Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Deen of Westminster, Mrowicki of Putney and Partridge of Windham

Whereas, Tom Fahner, the school principal at the New England Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster, is responsible for a unique student body that can pose special challenges for an educational administrator, and

Whereas, Kurn Hattin is a year-round 280-acre residential school and home for youngsters ages 6–15 who are in need of educational and emotional stability in their lives, and

Whereas, its licensed teachers and counselors offer a first-rate academic, athletic, and music curriculum, and

Whereas, this unusual residential and educational institution was established in 1894 through the generosity and major effort of the Rev. Charles Albert Dickinson of Boston and for over a century has fulfilled its mission of enabling its students to steer a steady life's course, and

Whereas, each year, the Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) chooses a Vermont recipient for the John Winton National Middle Level Principal-of-the-Year award, and

Whereas the VPA has selected Tom Fahner as the 2009 recipient of this honor, and

Whereas, in selecting Tom Fahner, the VPA cited his staff's description of the award winner "as an extremely creative and energetic leader," and

Whereas, the VPA characterized him as a school principal who inspires everyone with whom he is associated and is always available to his staff and students, attributes that assume a unique importance at Kurn Hattin, and

Whereas, Tom Fahner is being honored this summer in Vermont and in the fall at a national ceremony in Washington, D.C., now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates New England Kurn Hattin Homes Principal Tom Fahner on being named the Vermont Principals' Association Middle Level Principal-of-the-Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tom Fahner at New England Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster.