

No. R-217. House concurrent resolution recognizing Public Schools Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.163)

Offered by: Representatives Stone of Burlington, Andrews of Westford, Andriano of Orwell, Anthony of Barre City, Arrison of Weathersfield, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Bartholomew of Hartland, Bartley of Fairfax, Berbeco of Winooski, Black of Essex, Bluemle of Burlington, Bos-Lun of Westminster, Boyden of Cambridge, Brady of Williston, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Brown of Richmond, Brownell of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Burrows of West Windsor, Buss of Woodstock, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Carroll of Bennington, Casey of Montpelier, Chapin of East Montpelier, Chase of Chester, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Cole of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Cordes of Lincoln, Demar of Enosburgh, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Donahue of Northfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Emmons of Springfield, Farlice-Rubio of Barnet, Garofano of Essex, Goldman of Rockingham, Goslant of Northfield, Graning of Jericho, Hango of Berkshire, Harrison of Chittenden, Headrick of Burlington, Holcombe of Norwich, Hooper of Burlington, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, James of Manchester, Jerome of Brandon, Krasnow of South Burlington, Labor of Morgan, LaBounty of Lyndon, Lalley of Shelburne, LaLonde of South Burlington, LaMont of Morristown, Lanpher of Vergennes, Laroche of Franklin, Leavitt of Grand Isle, Lipsky of Stowe, Logan of Burlington, Long of Newfane, Maguire of Rutland City, Marcotte of Coventry, Mattos of Milton, McCann of Montpelier, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCoy of Poultney, McFaun of Barre Town, McGill of Bridport, Mihaly of Calais, Minier of South Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Mulvaney-Stanak of Burlington, Notte of Rutland City, Noyes of Wolcott, O'Brien of Tunbridge, Ode of Burlington, Oliver of Sheldon, Patt of Worcester, Peterson of Clarendon, Pouech of Hinesburg, Priestley of Bradford, Rice of Dorset, Roberts of Halifax, Sammis of Castleton, Satcowitz of Randolph, Scheu of Middlebury, Shaw of Pittsford, Sibilia of Dover, Small of Winooski, Smith of Derby, Stebbins of Burlington, Stevens of Waterbury, Surprenant of Barnard, Taylor of Milton, Taylor of Colchester, Templeman of Brownington, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toof of St. Albans Town, Torre of Moretown, Troiano of Stannard, Walker of Swanton, Waters Evans of Charlotte, Whitman of Bennington, Williams of Barre City, Williams of Granby, Wilson of Lyndon, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, since the establishment of the State of Vermont, public schools have served as a foundational community and cultural institution, and

Whereas, public schools facilitate a gathering of students from diverse demographic and socioeconomic backgrounds into a forum where they can both learn about and better understand the lives of their peers, and

Whereas, the high-quality education that public school teachers present to their pupils reflects both specific subject knowledge and a broad perspective on our State, nation, and world, and

Whereas, public schools are of enormous importance to all residents as they are a major formulator of Vermont's future, and

Whereas, they are a vital employer of Vermonters who are teachers, coaches, administrators, nurses, cafeteria staff, and custodians, and

Whereas, school board members, who are volunteers, or, at most, receive token compensation, play a critical role in the governance of our public schools, ensuring citizen input into public education, and

Whereas, the sports, dramatics, and other activities, held under the auspices of public school systems, enable the broader community to enjoy watching and participating in these events, and

Whereas, across the nation, the week of February 26–March 1 is being celebrated as Public Schools Week, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of February 26–March 1 as Public Schools Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Secretary of Education, the Vermont State PTA, the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Superintendents Association, the Vermont Principals' Association, and the Vermont NEA.