No. R-229. House concurrent resolution honoring Robert Mason for his unique leadership in the Chittenden South Supervisory Union.

(H.C.R. 190)

Offered by: Representatives Brumsted of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, Webb of Shelburne, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Offered by: Senators Lyons and Ingram

Whereas, Bob Mason has a long and distinguished association with the Chittenden South Supervisory Union (CSSU), as both a dedicated citizen volunteer and CSSU's chief operations officer (COO), and

Whereas, when he became a member of the Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU) Board in the 1990s, extended 21st-century service as CSSU's COO was not on his immediate personal horizon, and

Whereas, his four-year membership on the board included a term as chair during 1993–1994 when CVU, CSSU's only high school, completed a major renovation, and the board provided oversight on the implementation of other important projects, and

<u>Whereas</u>, the completion of board service might typically have concluded an individual's working association with the supervisory union, but for Bob Mason it provided a foundation and a unique perspective that he drew upon while serving as the CSSU-COO, and

Whereas, as a former CVU Board member and CSSU's financial affairs expert, Bob Mason appreciated the role of board members, patiently answering their questions during budgetary cycles, and his supportive guidance helped facilitate 98 budgets for all the CSSU districts, and

Whereas, recently, Bob Mason was instrumental in the successful vote to consolidate the separate CSSU school districts into the Champlain Valley School district, and

Whereas, his familiar telephone voice meant a day of students celebrating no school on account of inclement weather, and

Whereas, Bob Mason became an instant friend to all and maintained a steady sense of good humor and professional disposition even during turbulent school board meetings, and

Whereas, after an exemplary performance for 14 years, Bob Mason, who set the standard for civic-mindedness, is completing his tenure as CSSU-COO with much appreciation from his community for a job well done, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert Mason for his unique leadership in the Chittenden South Supervisory Union, and be it further

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