

No. R-246. House concurrent resolution honoring former Representative and Deputy Secretary of Education William B. Talbott for his dedicated public service.

(H.C.R.191)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, Bill Talbott's distinguished career as an elected and an appointed public official has focused primarily on public education, and

Whereas, he graduated from the University of Florida and later pursued graduate studies at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, a passion for public education and civic service changed the course of Bill Talbott's career from marine surveying to teaching, and he taught industrial arts and directed an alternative education program in Hinesburg, and

Whereas, in 1986, Bill Talbott stood successfully for the first of five consecutive terms to serve as the member from Monkton in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, his legislative committee assignments on Appropriations, on Education, on Joint Fiscal, and on Ways and Means sharpened his expertise in public education and financial matters, and he also chaired the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and

Whereas, in 1997, Bill Talbott bravely accepted the challenging assignment to serve as the then Department of Education's chief financial officer, just as Act 60, with its significant fiscal implications for school districts, was coming into effect, and

Whereas, for the past 20 years, Bill Talbott's experience as an educator, education financing expert, and patient and meticulous participant in countless meetings with legislators, local school officials, and citizens across the State has earned him great respect, and

Whereas, the chief of the Agency of Education's Finance and Administration Division carries an extremely important portfolio, and commensurate with these responsibilities, Bill Talbott serves as a Deputy Secretary of Education and has also held the post of acting commissioner, and

Whereas, after two decades of exemplary leadership and financial management as the Agency of Education's Chief Financial Officer, Bill Talbott will conclude his State service on June 30, 2017, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Representative and Deputy Secretary of Education William B. Talbott for his dedicated public service, and be it further

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