

No. R-297. House concurrent resolution congratulating Craig Divis on being named the 2010 Vermont Teacher of the Year.

(H.C.R.213)

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

Whereas, teaching is one of the most noble of professions, and

Whereas, a quality teacher can make all the difference in a student's success in school and career path, and

Whereas, in order to recognize excellence in teaching, the Vermont department of education oversees the annual Vermont Teacher of the Year award which is our state's contribution to the National Teacher of the Year program managed under the auspices of the Council of Chief State School Officers, and

Whereas, consideration for the prestigious Vermont Teacher of the Year award requires a nomination from a principal and superintendent, and the nominee's completion of an application, essays, and a portfolio of work, and

Whereas, the department selects three finalists who then receive classroom visits, and

Whereas, at the conclusion of this extensive review process, the winner of the 2010 Vermont Teacher of the Year Award was Craig Divis, the social studies department coordinator at Bellows Falls Union High School, and the school's first winner of this unique honor, and

Whereas, he graduated in 2003 from Miami University in Ohio, and

Whereas, Craig Divis is not an ordinary classroom teacher satisfied with merely teaching his classes, and

Whereas, his special activities include participating in the University of Vermont Asian Studies Outreach Program; serving as an advisor for student teachers at his school; and being a member of both the Windham Northeast Social Studies Curriculum Committee and the Bellows Falls Union High School faculty council, and

Whereas, Craig Divis was presented the trophy symbolizing the award at a specially convened all-school assembly which members of the state board of education and the commissioner of education attended, and

Whereas, as the 2010 Teacher of the Year, Craig Divis will receive a \$2,500.00 grant for classroom supplies and travel to Washington, D.C. where he will serve as Vermont's nominee for the 2010 National Teacher of the Year, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Craig Divis on being named the 2010 Vermont Teacher of the Year, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Craig Divis at Bellows Falls Union High School.