

**No. R-332. House concurrent resolution congratulating Barbara Brody on winning a national Teacher of the Year Award for Dedication and Excellence as a Driver Educator.**

(H.C.R.240)

Offered by: Representatives Wizowaty of Burlington, Smith of Morristown, Peltz of Woodbury, Frank of Underhill, Howard of Cambridge, Martin of Wolcott, Pearson of Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Till of Jericho and Woodward of Johnson

Whereas, driver education is a course in which high school students enroll to learn and master a fundamental skill they will use throughout their lives, and

Whereas, teachers of this subject must be patient but firm while imparting to students the imperative of highway safety, and

Whereas, Barbara Brody is one of Vermont's and the nation's foremost high school driver education teachers, having taught for many years at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol and for the past seven at Peoples Academy in Morrisville, and

Whereas, her approach to teaching young drivers is creative and innovative, as she has incorporated elements of physics and physical education into her classes and is planning to integrate biology as well, and

Whereas, Peoples Academy Principal Phil Grant has described Barbara Brody as "not just a fantastic educator, but a wonderfully thoughtful and caring person" and "a terrific advocate for students and their families," and

Whereas, in 2009, Barbara Brody was recognized with the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's Richard Kaywood Memorial Award, and

Whereas, in 2011, she was honored as the recipient of the association's Vermont Driver Education Teacher of the Year award for her great work in the field of driver education, and

Whereas, receipt of this recognition meant that Barbara Brody became the Vermont nominee for the national award that the association annually bestows, and

Whereas, to be considered for this national award, Barbara Brody submitted a video, answered five essay questions, and submitted a work portfolio, and

Whereas, when the judges reviewed all of the nominees' credentials, they chose Barbara Brody as one of two 2011 recipients of the national Teacher of the Year Award for Dedication and Excellence as a Driver Educator, and she was presented this much-deserved special award at the association's annual meeting in Honolulu, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Barbara Brody on being named a 2011 co-winner of the national Teacher of the Year Award for Dedication and Excellence as a Driver Educator, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Barbara Brody at Peoples Academy in Morrisville.