

No. R-349. House concurrent resolution honoring Laura Soares of Randolph for her contributions to public education policy and governance.

(H.C.R.254)

Offered by: Representatives French of Randolph and Ryerson of Randolph

Offered by: Senator MacDonald

Whereas, Laura Soares has been a significant contributor to the formation of elementary and secondary education policy in Vermont, and

Whereas, her leadership has brought benefits to students locally, regionally, and statewide, and

Whereas, in 1993, Laura Soares was elected to the Randolph Elementary School Board, and

Whereas, members of the board soon recognized Laura Soares's leadership potential and selected her as their chair, and

Whereas, Laura Soares's leadership proved essential as Randolph constructed a new unified elementary school, bringing students from three buildings into a modern learning center, and

Whereas, the Randolph community took notice of her dedication to public education and she served on and chaired both the Randolph Union High School Board and the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Board, and

Whereas, as a member-at-large of the Vermont School Boards Association, Laura Soares brought first-hand expertise to the State organization's deliberations, and her colleagues selected her as their president from 2001 to 2003, and

Whereas, she has served on the board of the Vermont Educational Leadership Alliance and as the group's director in 2004–2005, and

Whereas, Laura Soares has also been a member of the Vermont Education Health Initiative's board of directors, and

Whereas, in 2004, she accepted a board seat with the Vermont School Boards' Insurance Trust and now serves as its president and chief executive officer, and

Whereas, the broad scope of her positive impact on elementary and secondary education in Vermont is a tribute to her industriousness and innovative leadership, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Laura Soares of Randolph for her contributions to public education policy and governance, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Laura Soares in Randolph.