

No. R-329. House concurrent resolution designating the week of May 6–12, 2018 as Teacher Appreciation Week in Vermont.

(H.C.R.264)

Offered by: Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Belaski of Windsor, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Brumsted of Shelburne, Carr of Brandon, Christensen of Weathersfield, Christie of Hartford, Conlon of Cornwall, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Colchester, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fields of Bennington, Forguites of Springfield, Gannon of Wilmington, Giambatista of Essex, Houghton of Essex, Howard of Rutland City, Jessup of Middlesex, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Ode of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Scheu of Middlebury, Squirrell of Underhill, Sullivan of Dorset, Sullivan of Burlington, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wood of Waterbury, Yacovone of Morristown, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: Senators Balint, Baruth, Benning, Branagan, Bray, and Ingram

Whereas, a democratic society cannot thrive without a smoothly functioning system of public education, and all too often the importance of teachers is not acknowledged properly, and

Whereas, preschool, elementary, and secondary school teachers play an essential role in youngsters' mastering fundamental mathematical and verbal skills that will be drawn upon for a lifetime, and

Whereas, teachers often work far beyond their regular classroom hours, preparing lesson plans, organizing projects, grading assignments, meeting parents, and attending in-service training seminars, and

Whereas, they are dedicated to their profession, regardless of their students' economic status or academic ability, and

Whereas, teachers bring to their classrooms both a substantive knowledge of the subjects they teach and a degree of patience and perseverance that is often remarkable, and

Whereas, when a student meets an academic goal that the teacher initially considered unachievable, both the student and the teacher feel a sense of accomplishment and pride, and

Whereas, in order to honor these often unsung heroes, beginning in 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association (known as National PTA) established Teacher Appreciation Week, and

Whereas, in 2018, Teacher Appreciation Week will be observed on May 6–12, and a specific Vermont commemoration of this event is a way to recognize officially the thousands of dedicated teachers in our State, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates the week of May 6–12, 2018 as Teacher Appreciation Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Agency of Education, to the Vermont-NEA, and to the Vermont State PTA.